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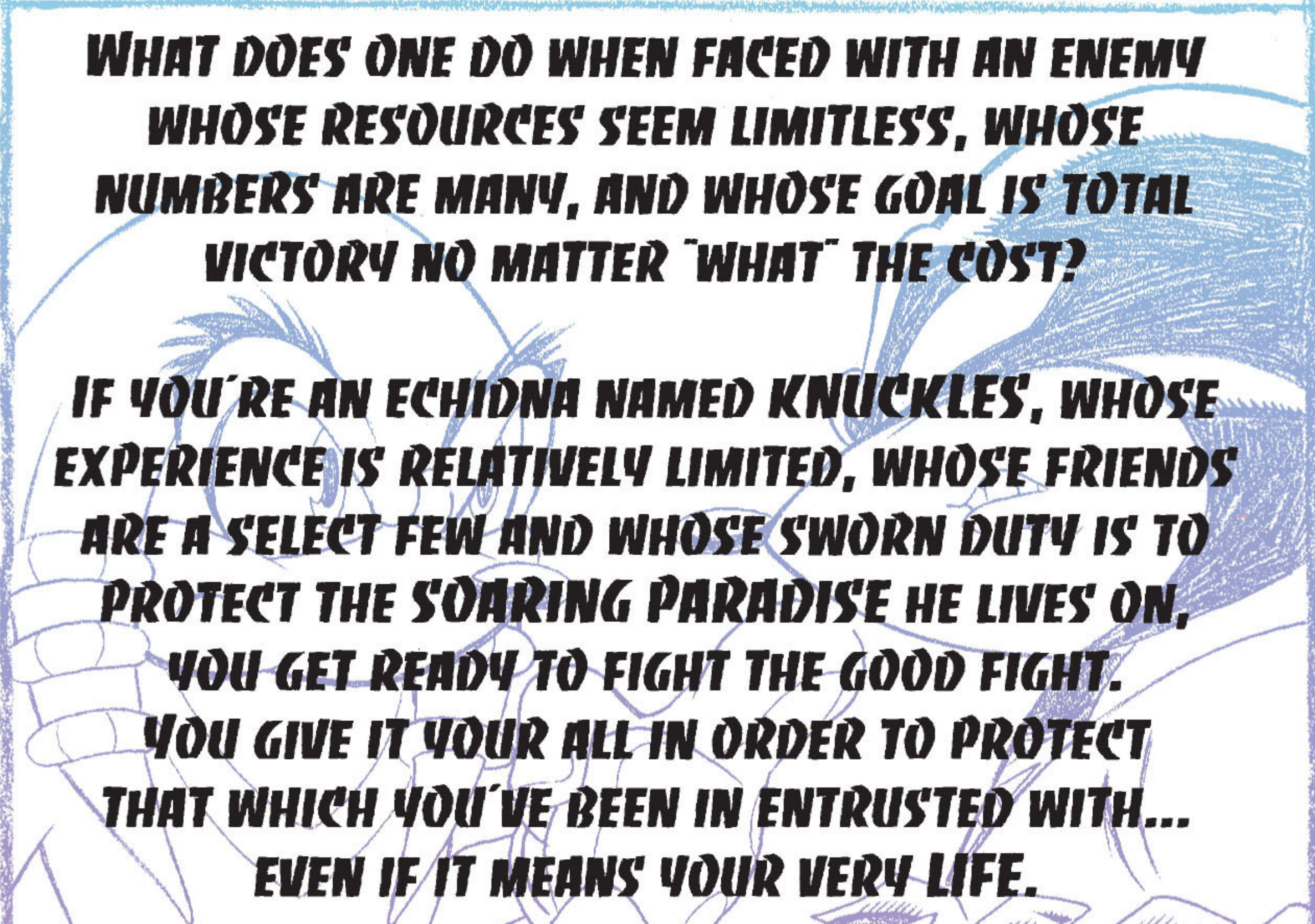
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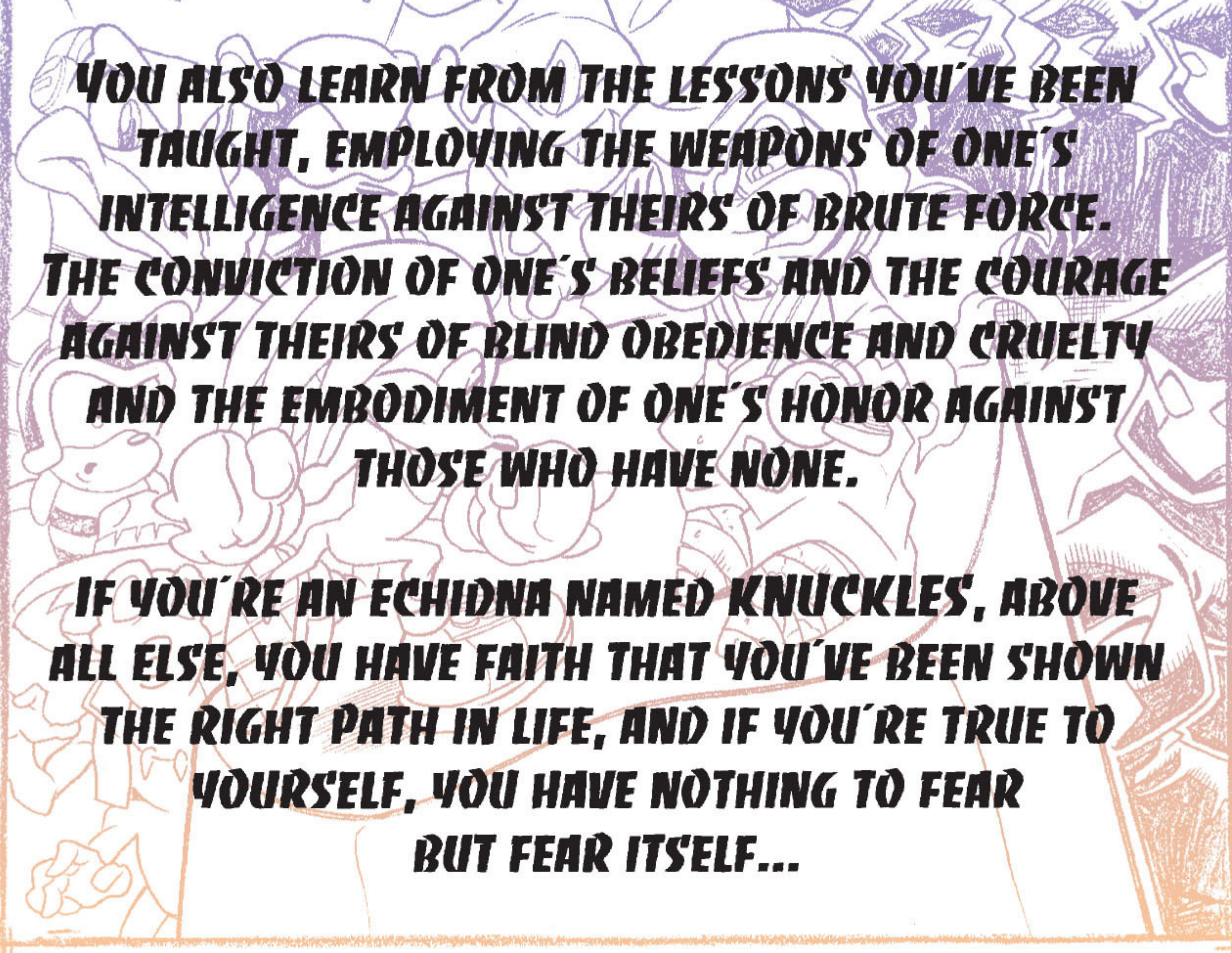
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**WHAT DOES ONE DO WHEN FACED WITH AN ENEMY
WHOSE RESOURCES SEEM LIMITLESS, WHOSE
NUMBERS ARE MANY, AND WHOSE GOAL IS TOTAL
VICTORY NO MATTER "WHAT" THE COST?**

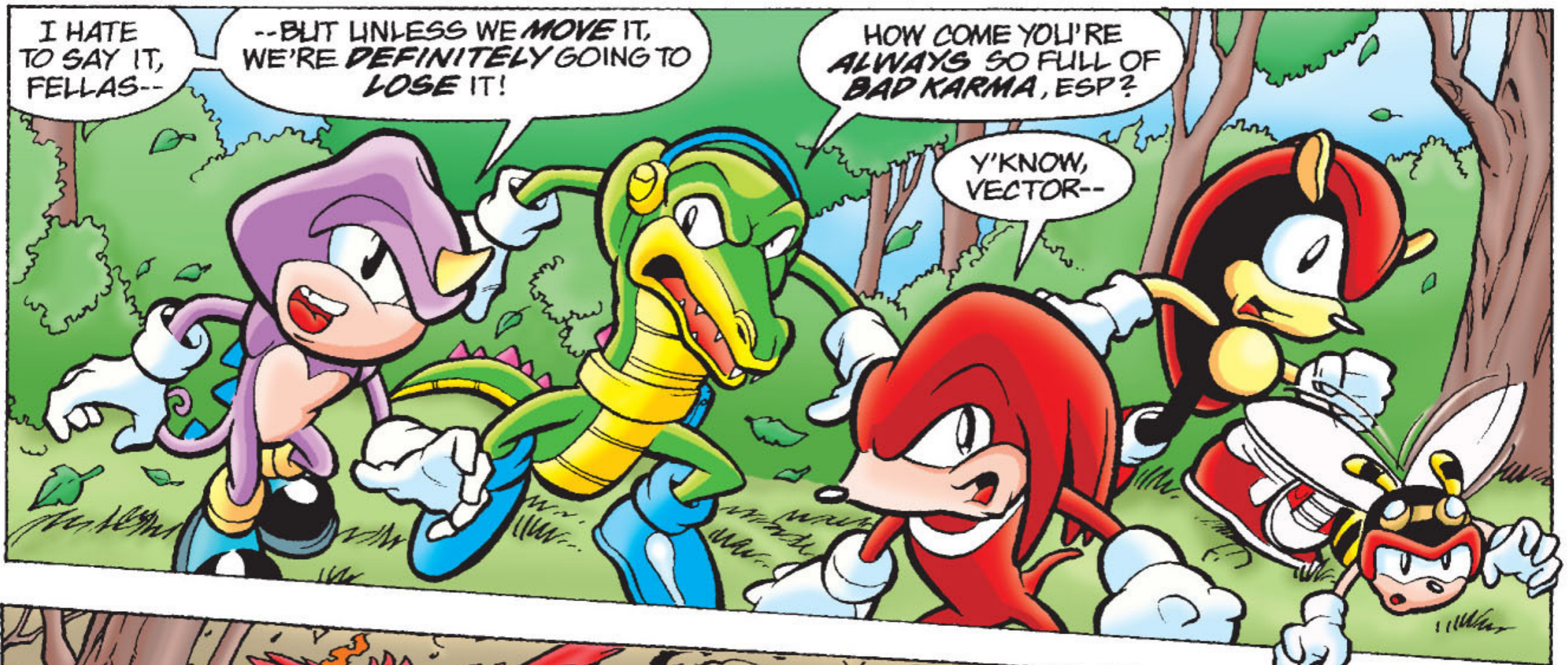
**IF YOU'RE AN ECHIDNA NAMED KNUCKLES, WHOSE
EXPERIENCE IS RELATIVELY LIMITED, WHOSE FRIENDS
ARE A SELECT FEW AND WHOSE SWORN DUTY IS TO
PROTECT THE SOARING PARADISE HE LIVES ON,
YOU GET READY TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.**

**YOU GIVE IT YOUR ALL IN ORDER TO PROTECT
THAT WHICH YOU'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH...
EVEN IF IT MEANS YOUR VERY LIFE.**



**YOU ALSO LEARN FROM THE LESSONS YOU'VE BEEN
TAUGHT, EMPLOYING THE WEAPONS OF ONE'S
INTELLIGENCE AGAINST THEIRS OF BRUTE FORCE.
THE CONVICTION OF ONE'S BELIEFS AND THE COURAGE
AGAINST THEIRS OF BLIND OBEDIENCE AND CRUELTY
AND THE EMBODIMENT OF ONE'S HONOR AGAINST
THOSE WHO HAVE NONE.**

**IF YOU'RE AN ECHIDNA NAMED KNUCKLES, ABOVE
ALL ELSE, YOU HAVE FAITH THAT YOU'VE BEEN SHOWN
THE RIGHT PATH IN LIFE, AND IF YOU'RE TRUE TO
YOURSELF, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR
BUT FEAR ITSELF...**

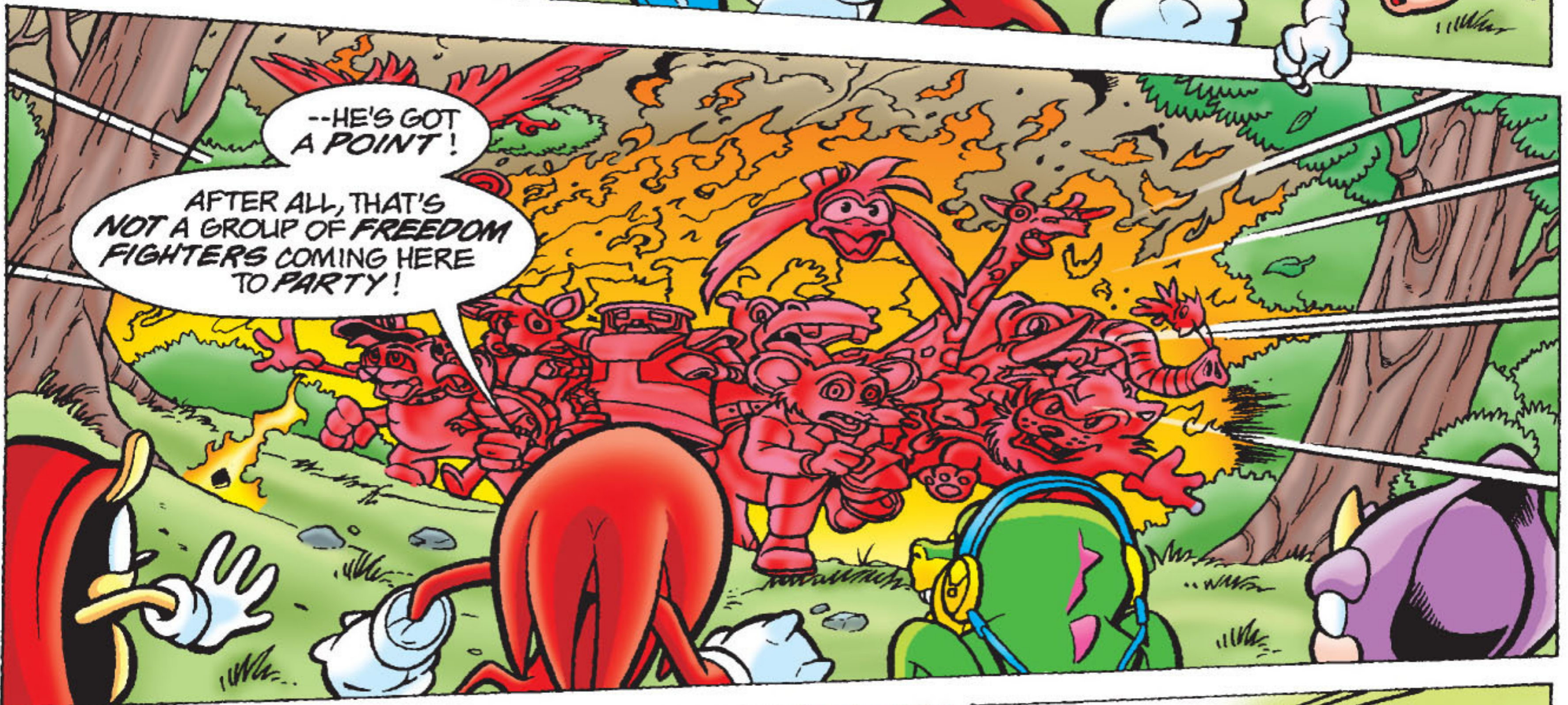


I HATE TO SAY IT, FELLAS--

--BUT UNLESS WE MOVE IT, WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO LOSE IT!

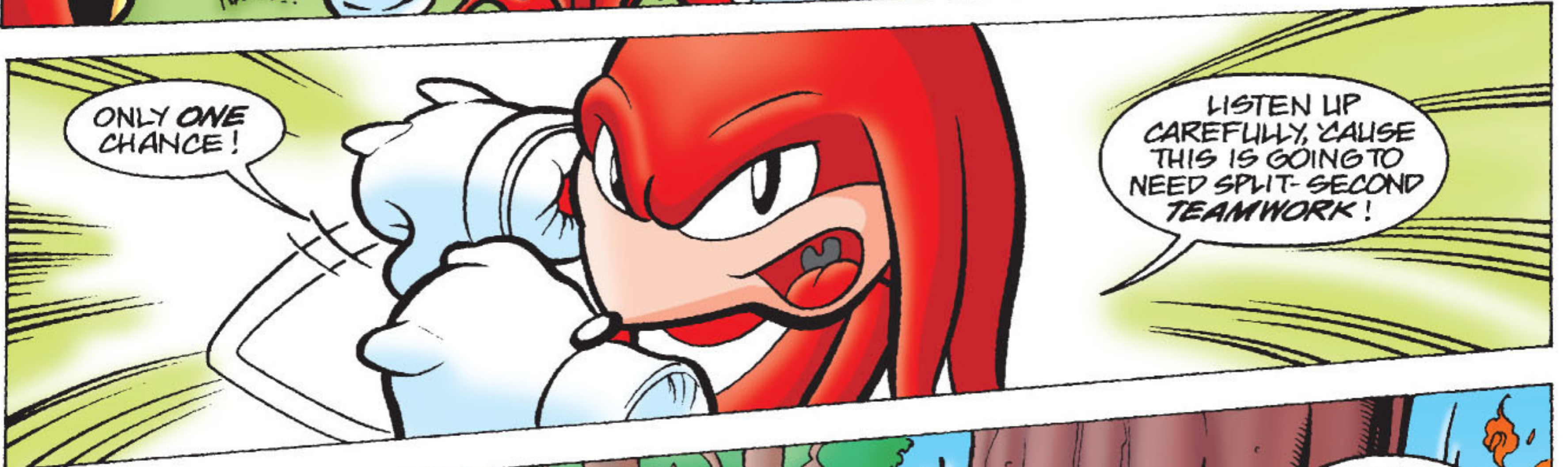
HOW COME YOU'RE ALWAYS SO FULL OF BAD KARMA, ESP?

Y'KNOW, VECTOR--



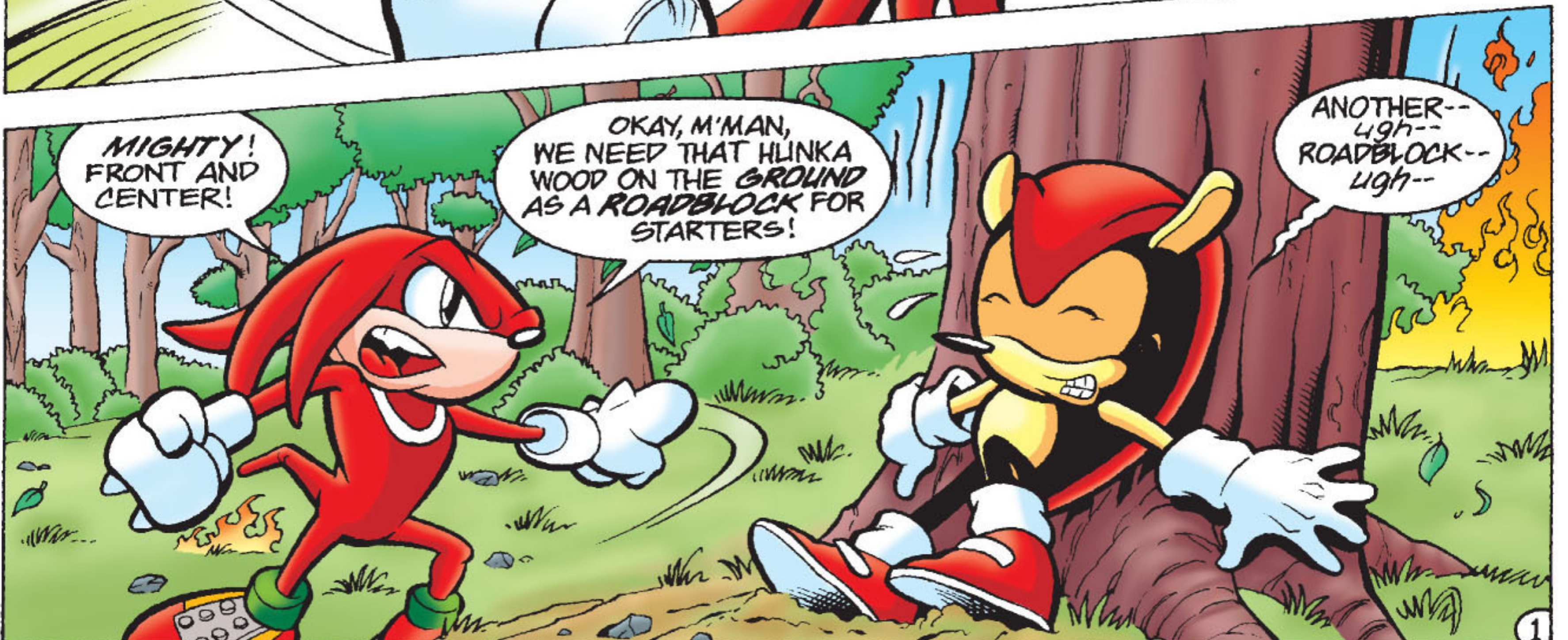
--HE'S GOT A POINT!

AFTER ALL, THAT'S NOT A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS COMING HERE TO PARTY!



ONLY ONE CHANCE!

LISTEN UP CAREFULLY, 'CAUSE THIS IS GOING TO NEED SPLIT-SECOND TEAMWORK!



MIGHTY! FRONT AND CENTER!

OKAY, M'MAN, WE NEED THAT HUNKA WOOD ON THE GROUND AS A ROADBLOCK FOR STARTERS!

ANOTHER--
ugh--
ROADBLOCK--
ugh--

COMING THROUGH!

YEAH, BUT WHILE EVERYBODY ELSE IS JUMPING FROM THE FRYING PAN--

--WE'RE STILL FACING THE FIRE!

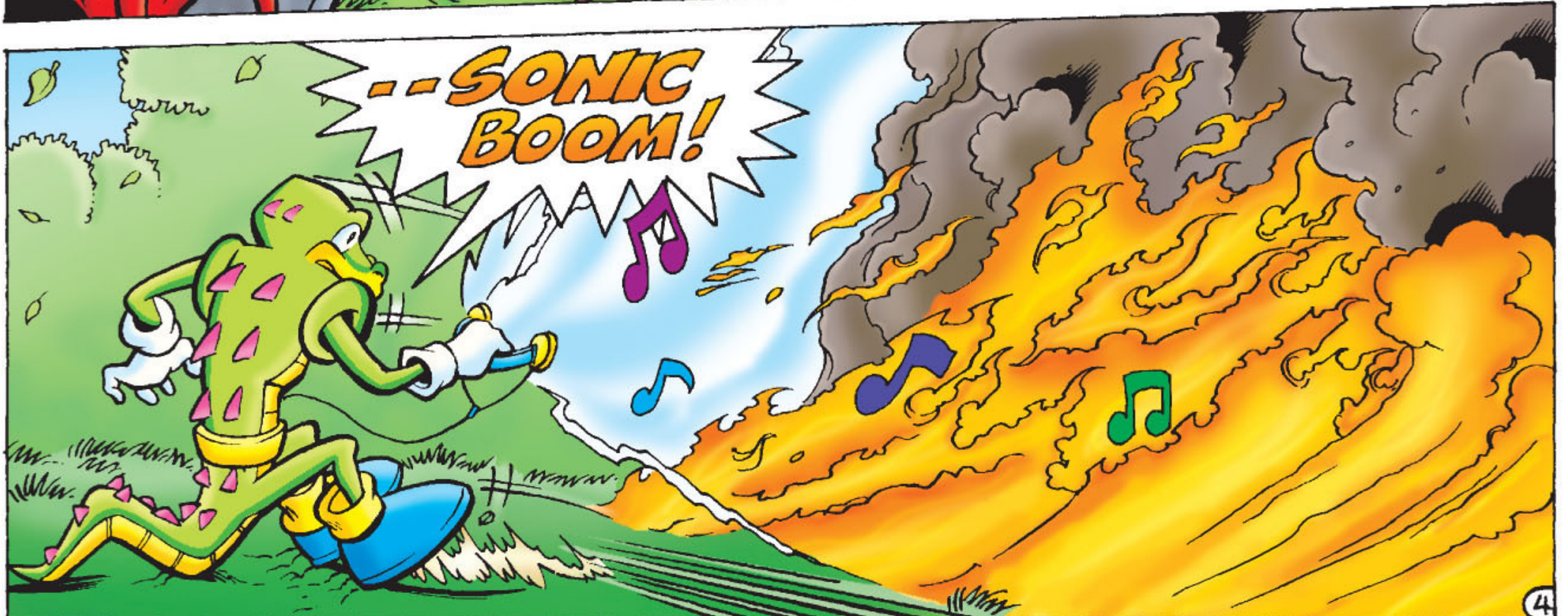
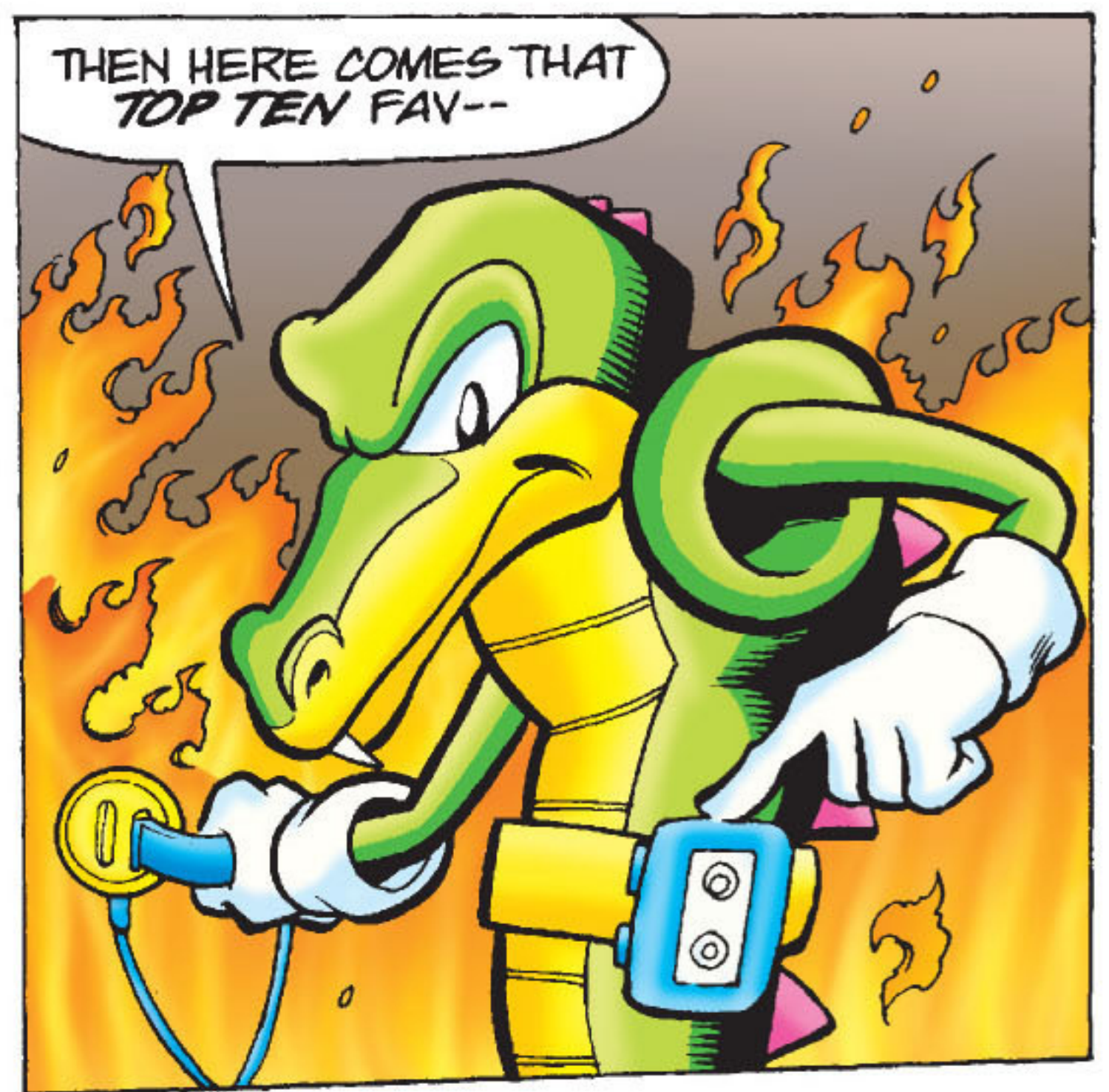
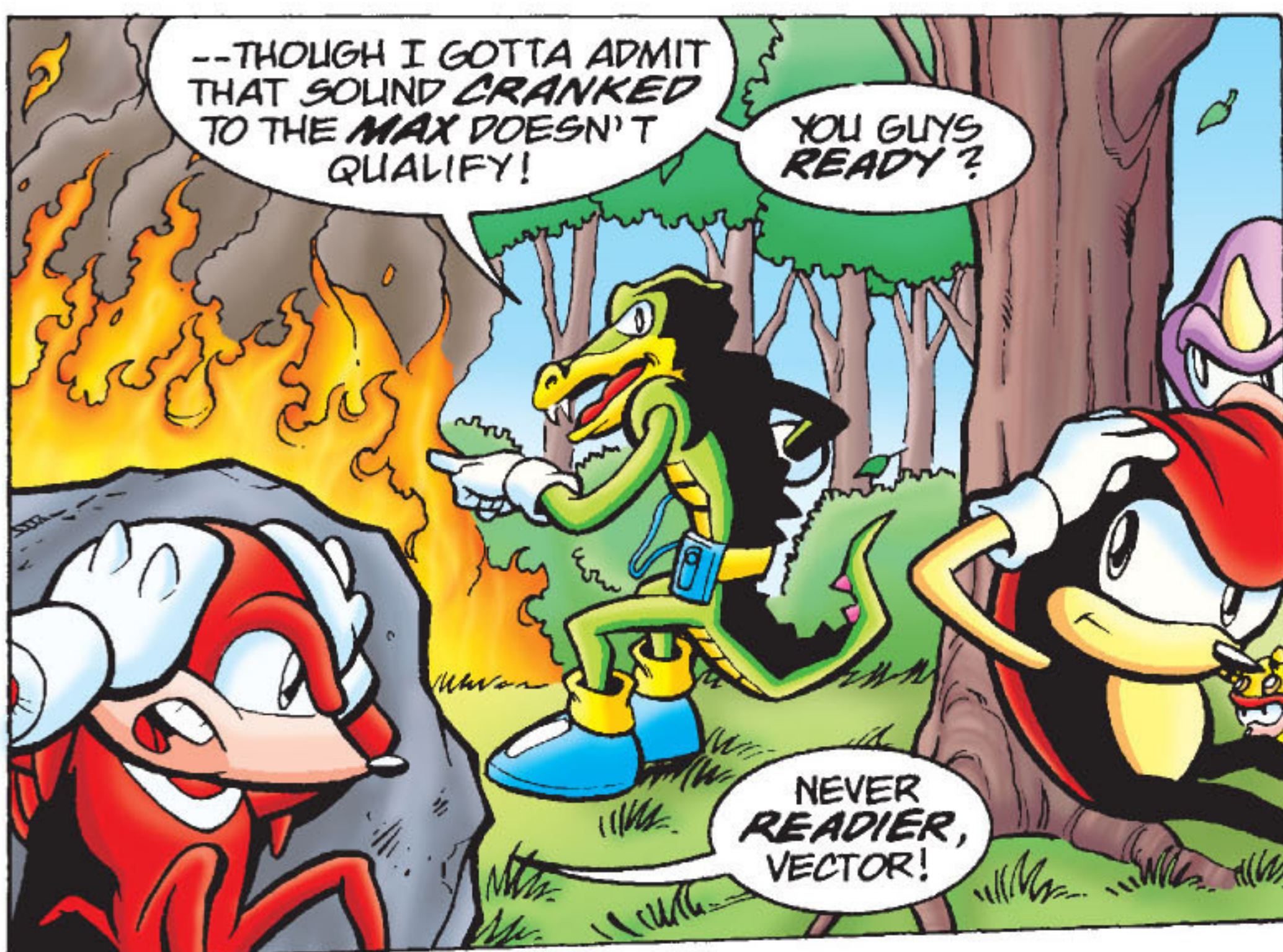
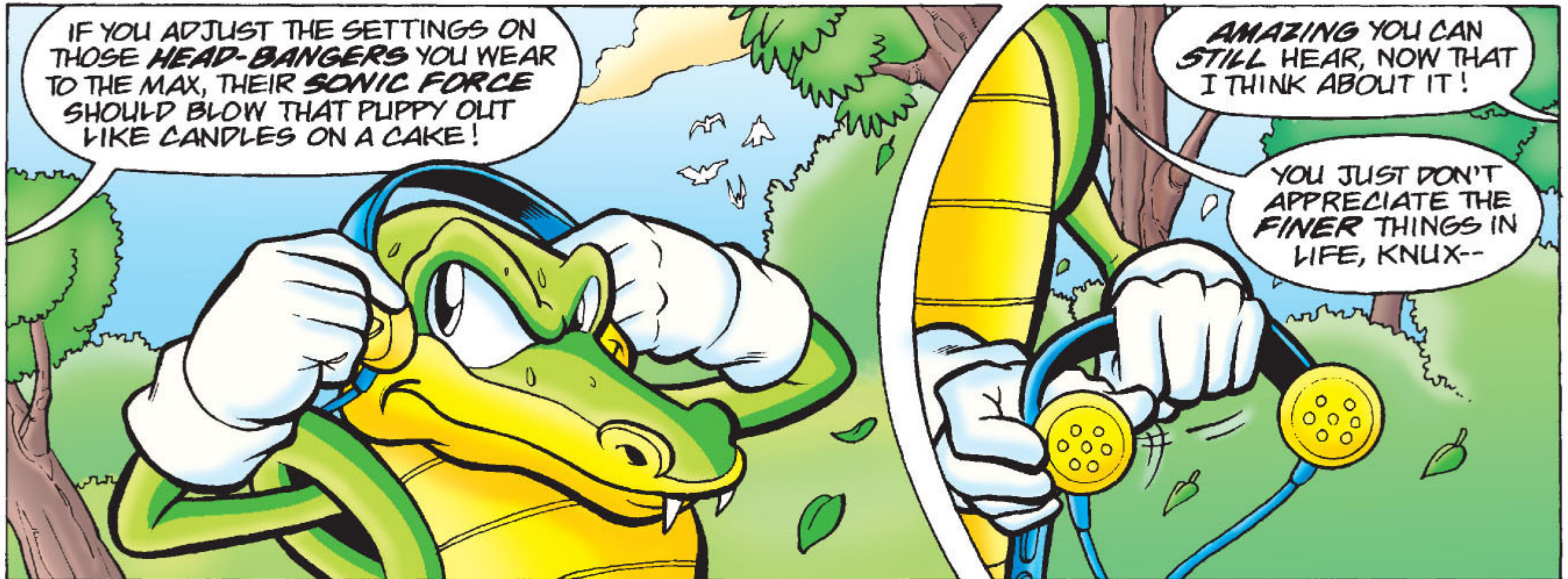
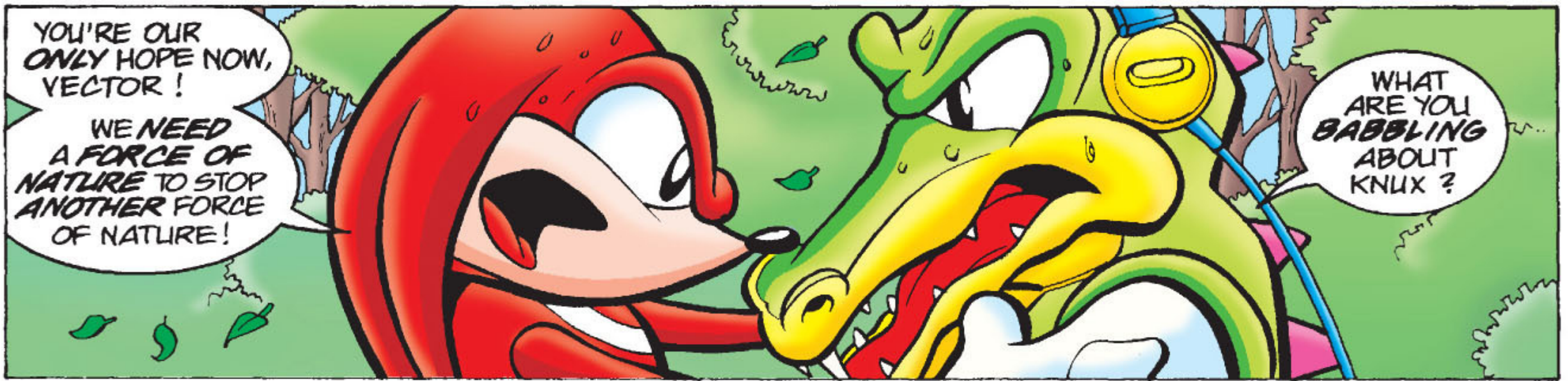
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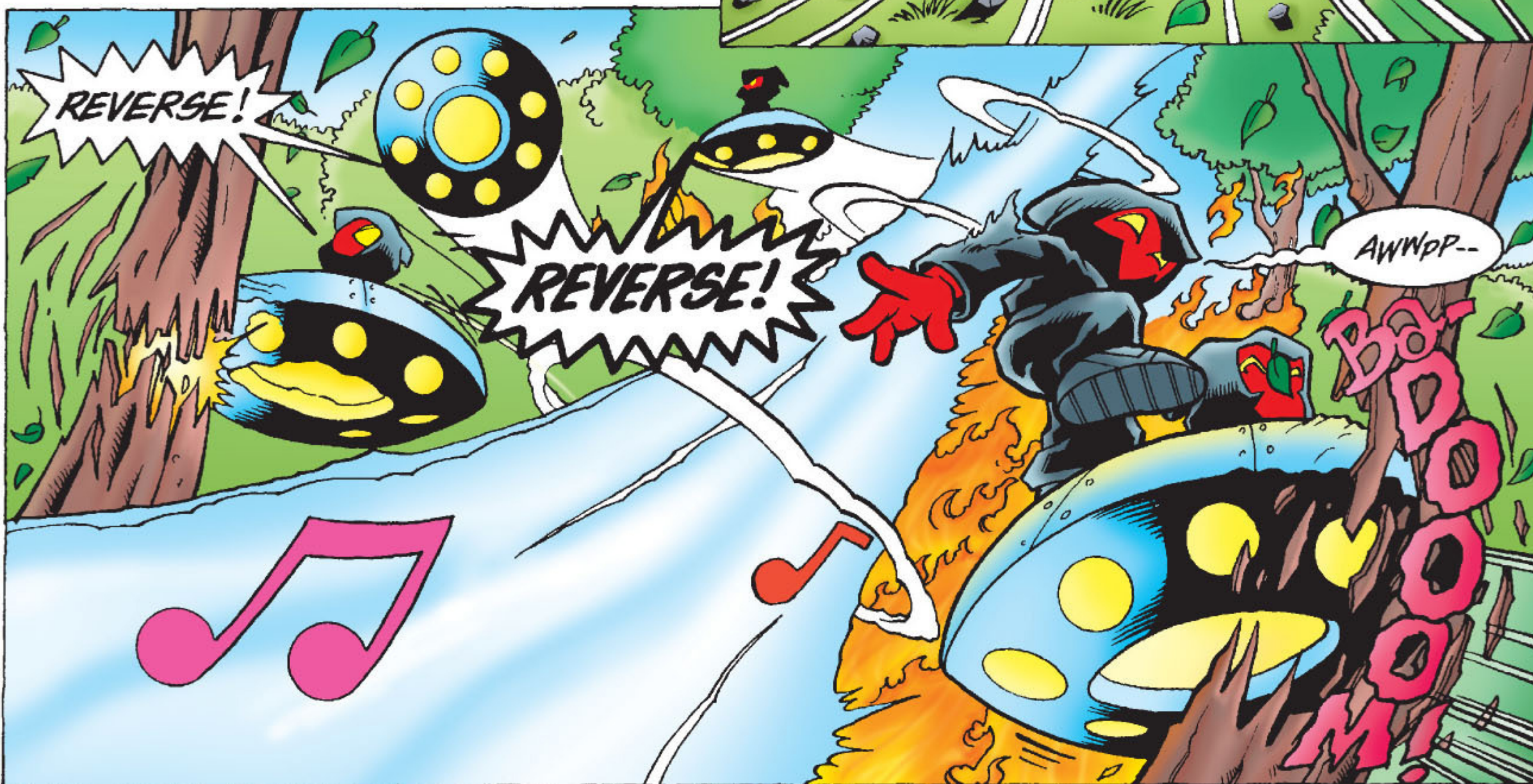
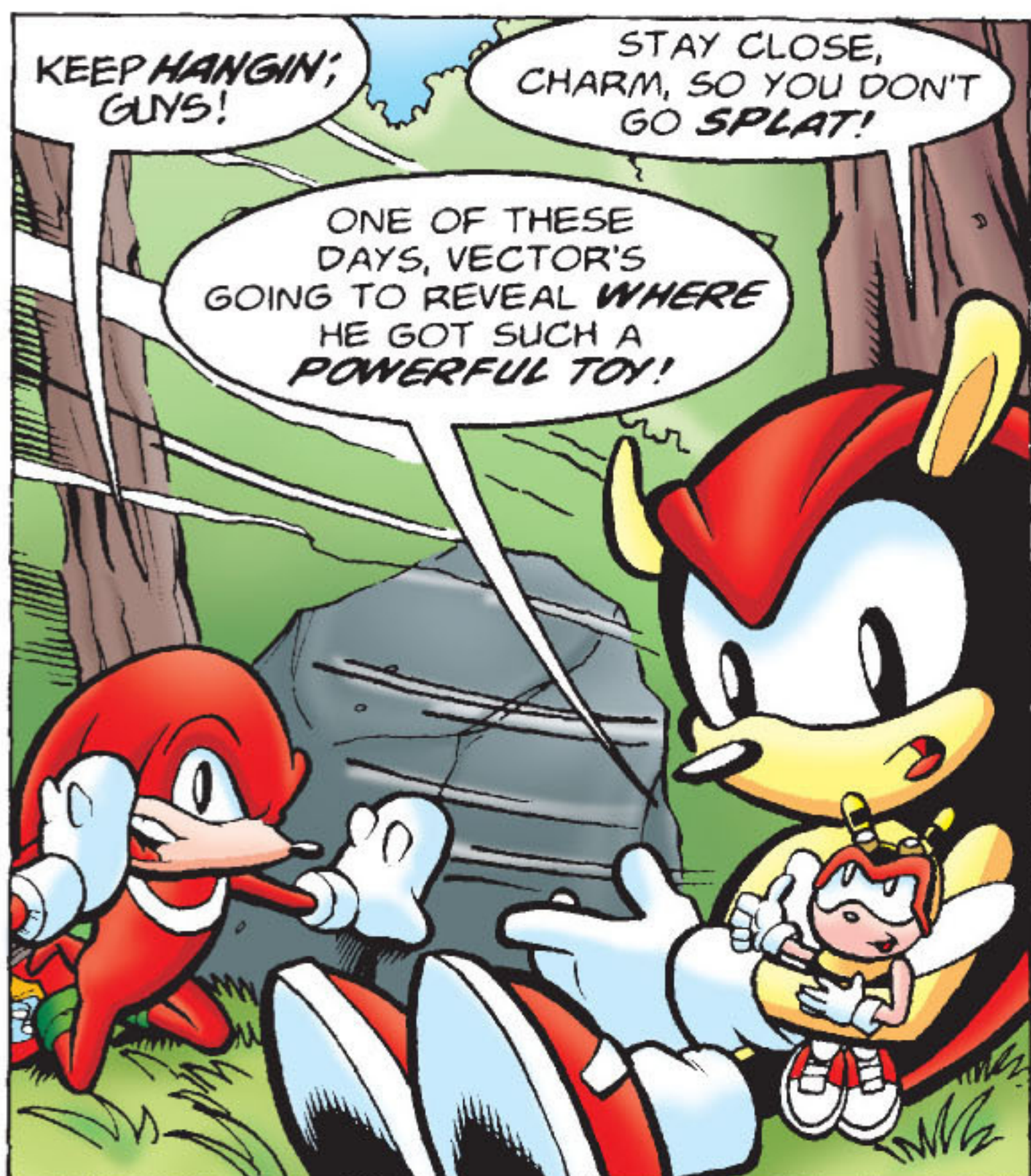
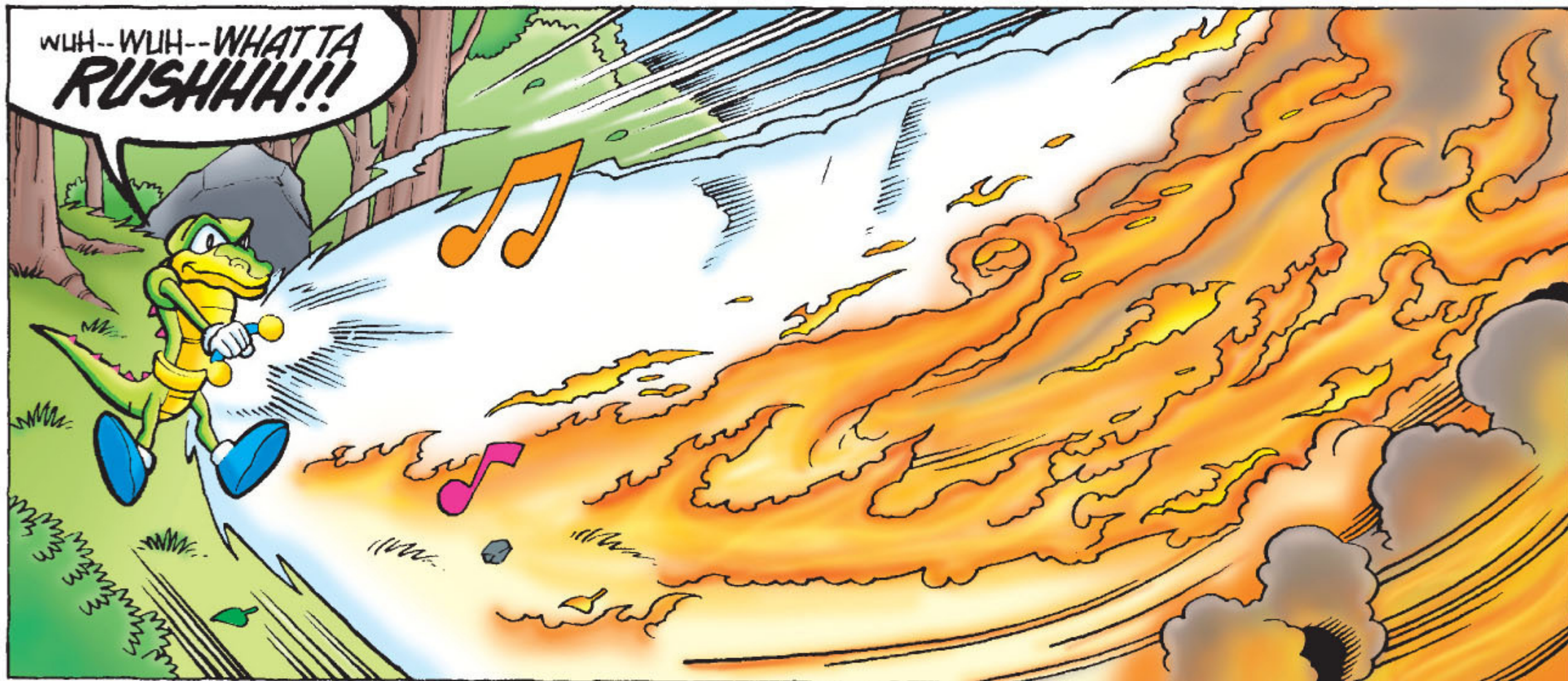
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BOOM!

BLOOD IS THICKER





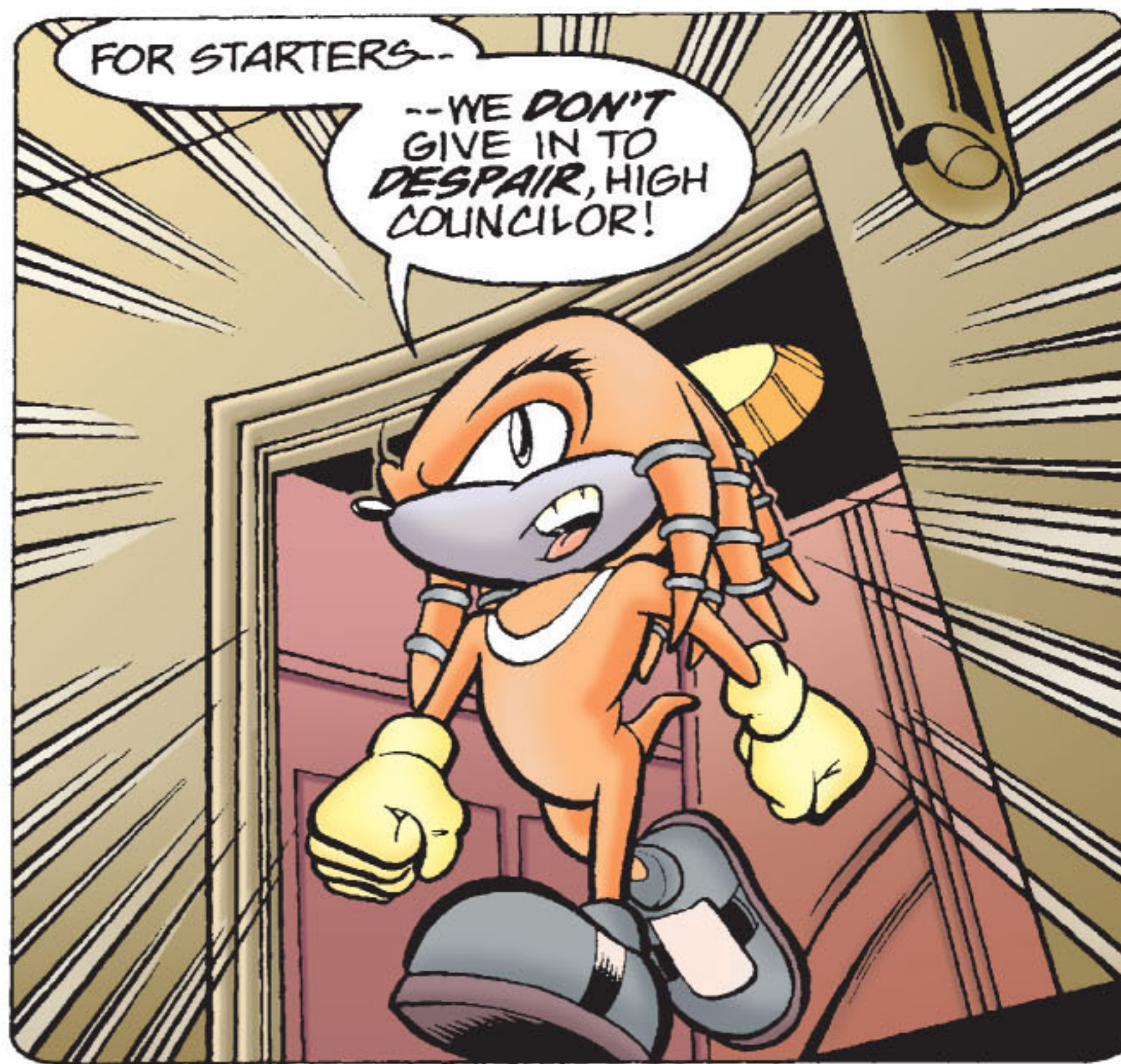


"FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS, THIS NIGHT WE FACE OUR GRAVEST CRISIS YET--"



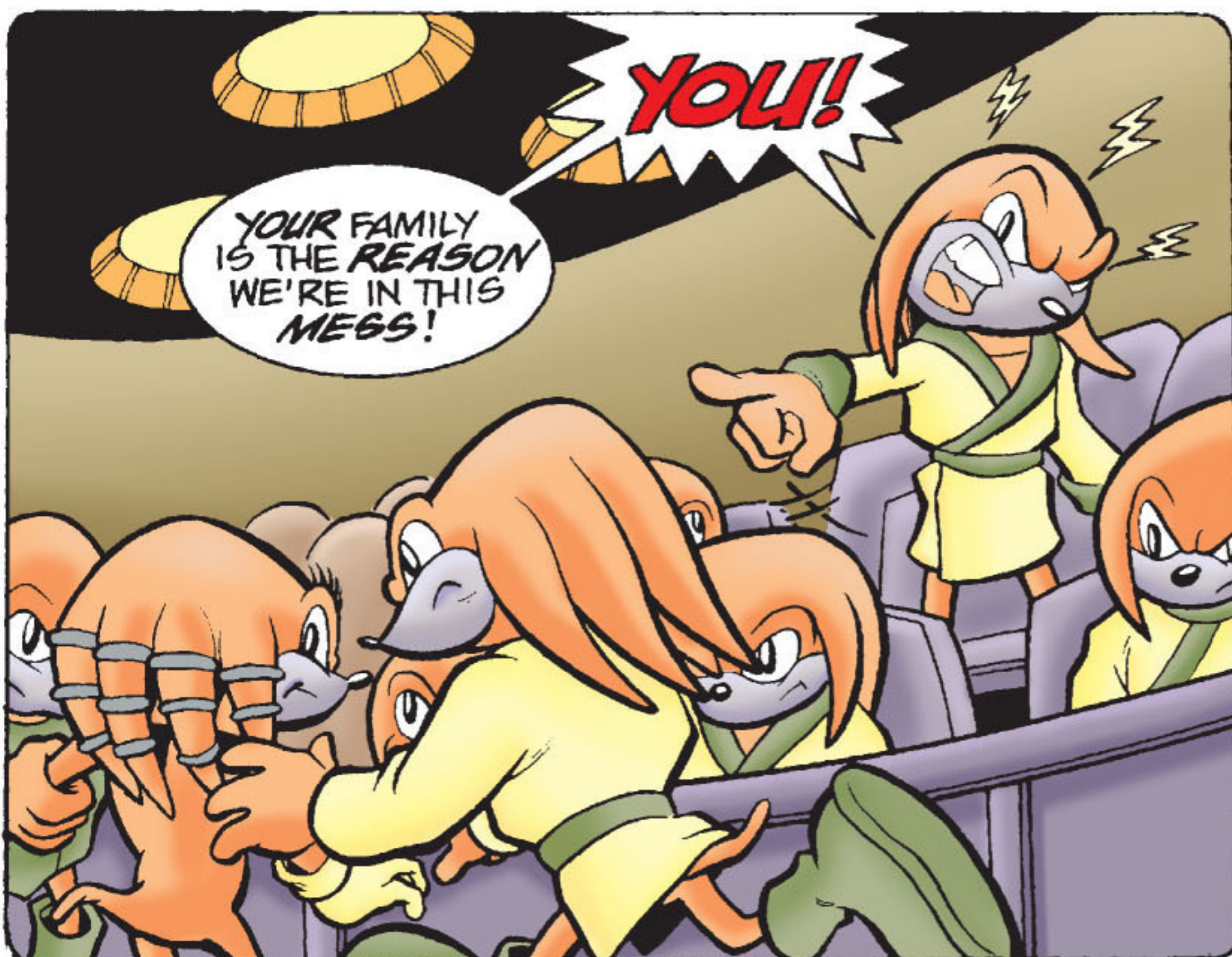
--AS OUR FELLOW ECHIDNA STAND POISED TO ENGAGE IN CIVIL WAR!

WHATEVER SHALL WE DO?



FOR STARTERS--

--WE DON'T GIVE IN TO DESPAIR, HIGH COUNCILOR!



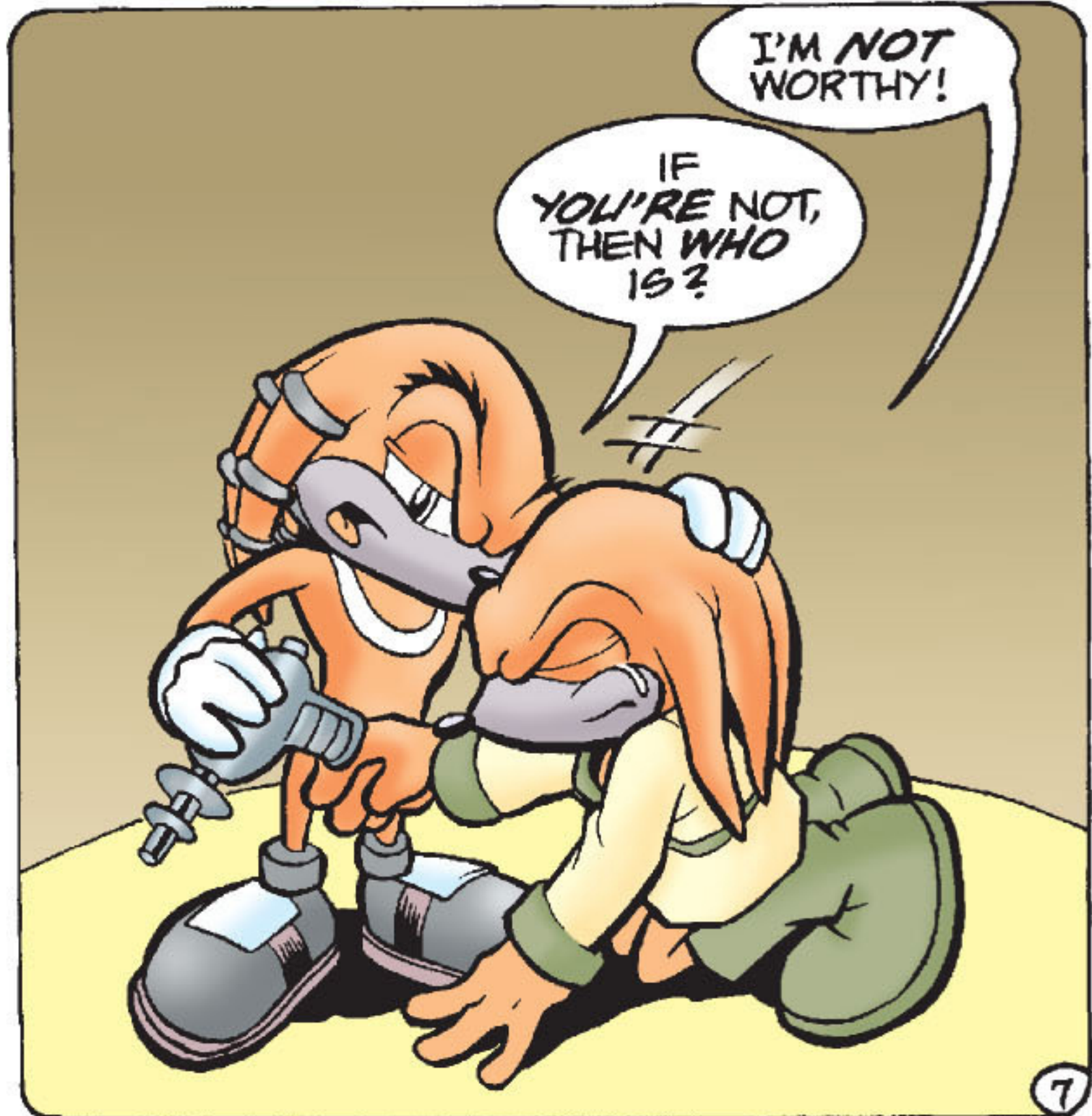
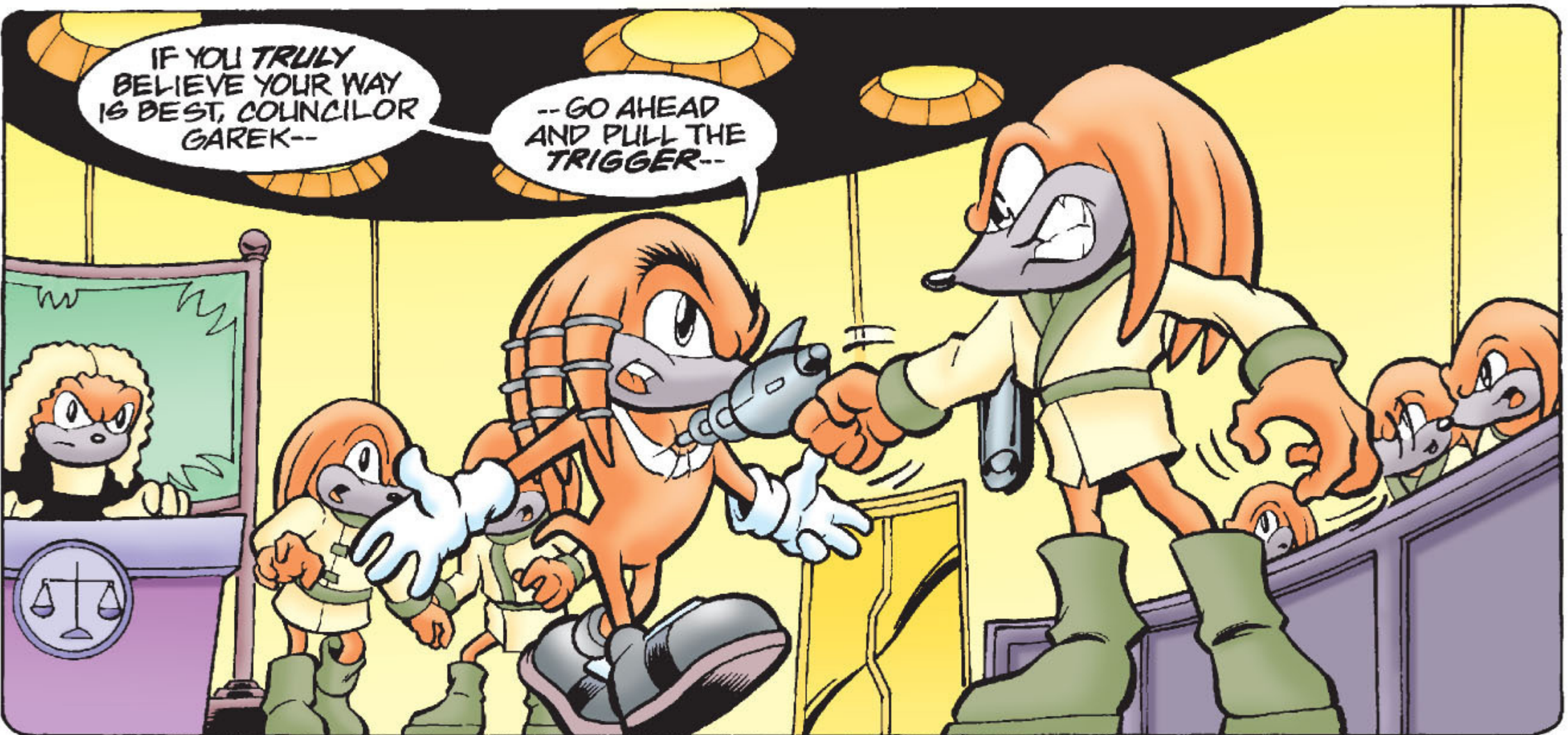
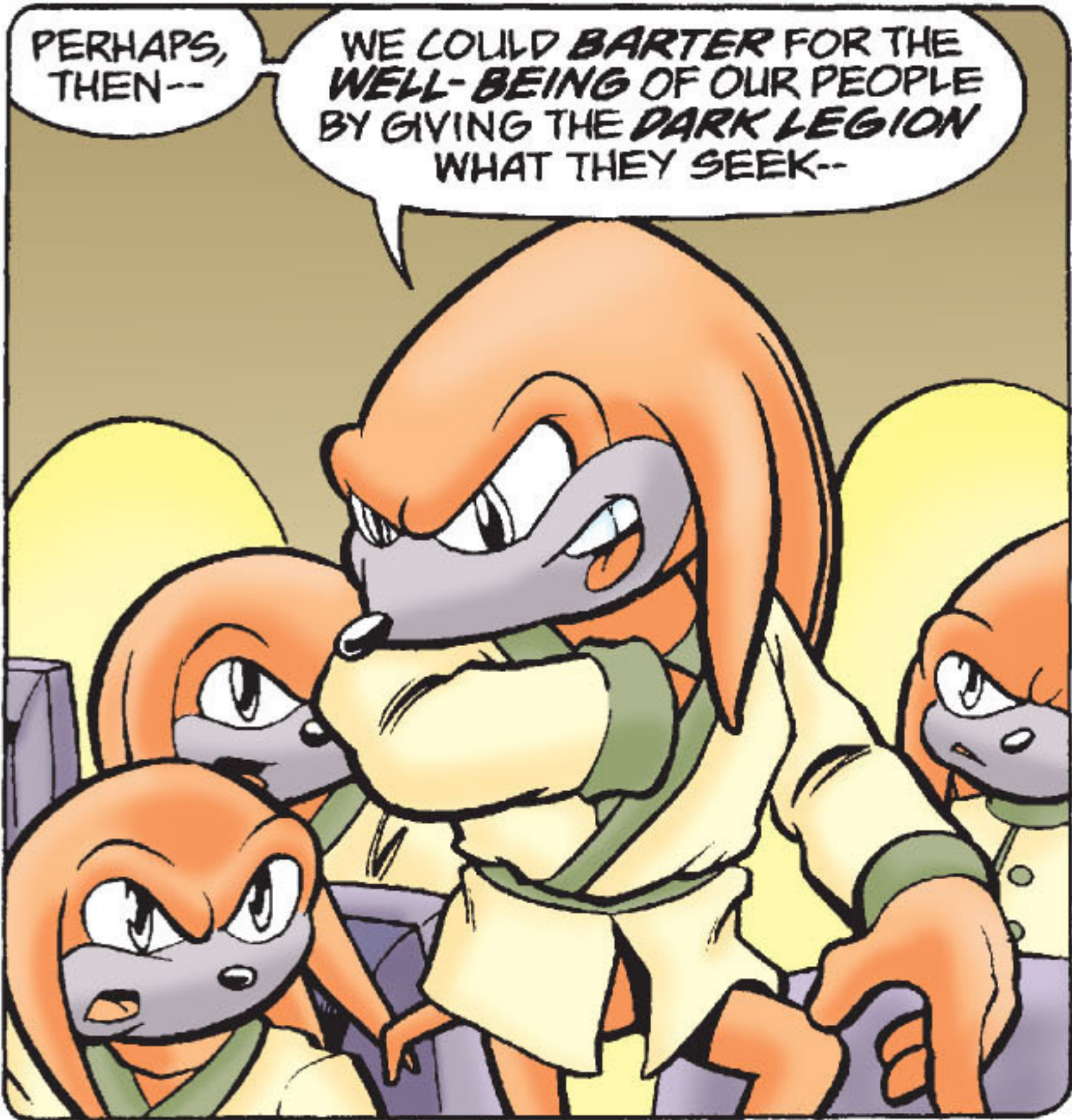
YOU!

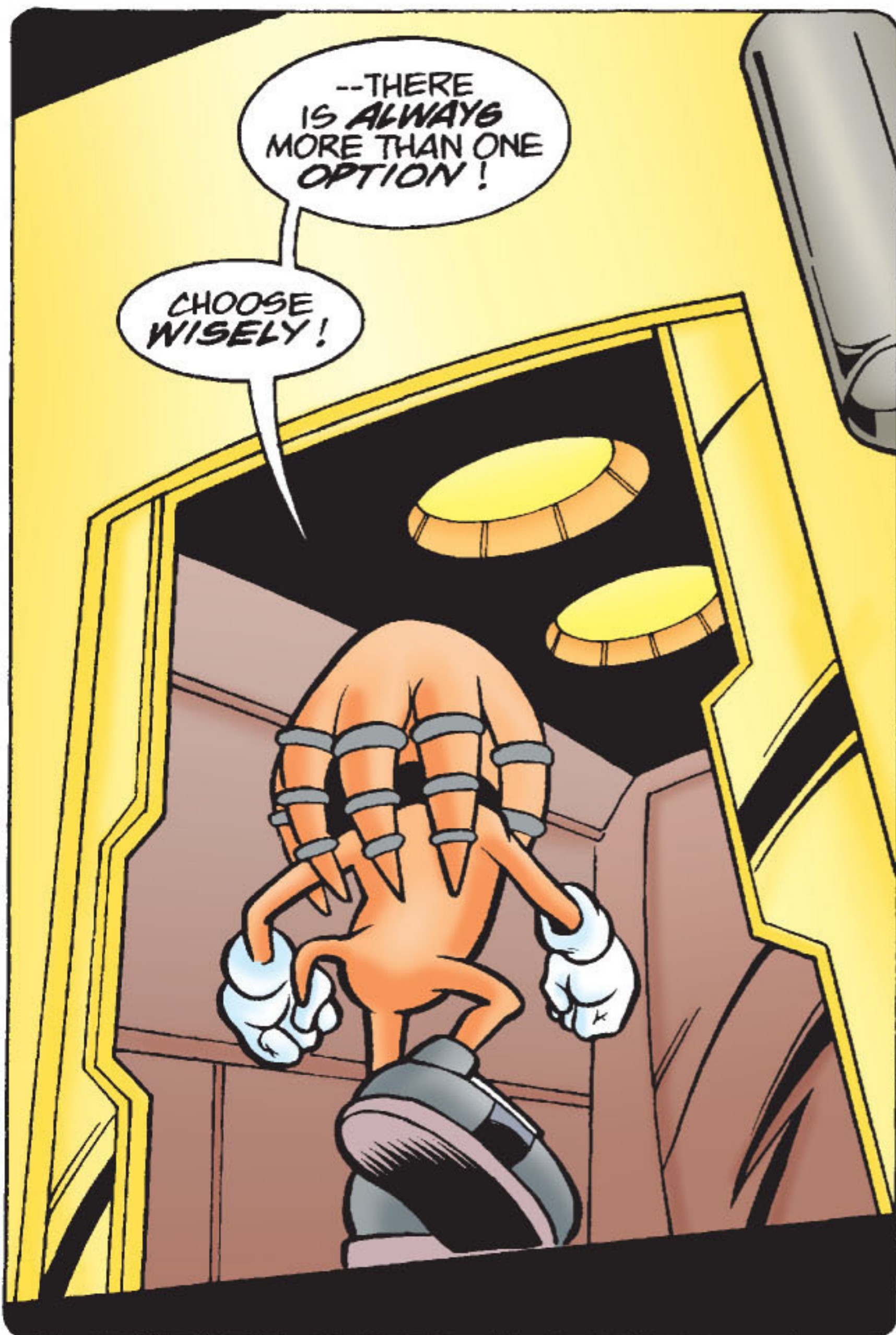
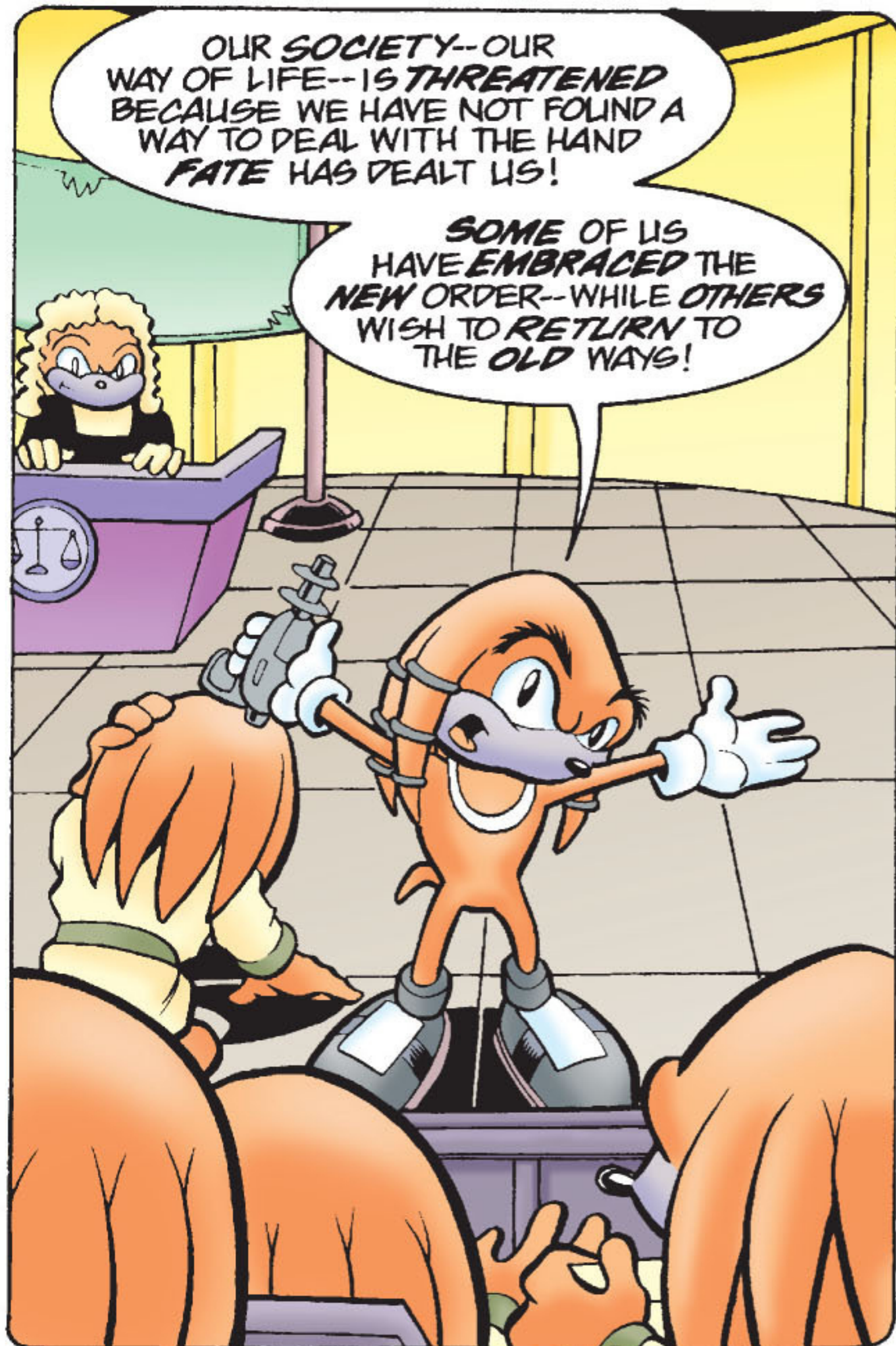
YOUR FAMILY IS THE REASON WE'RE IN THIS MESS!

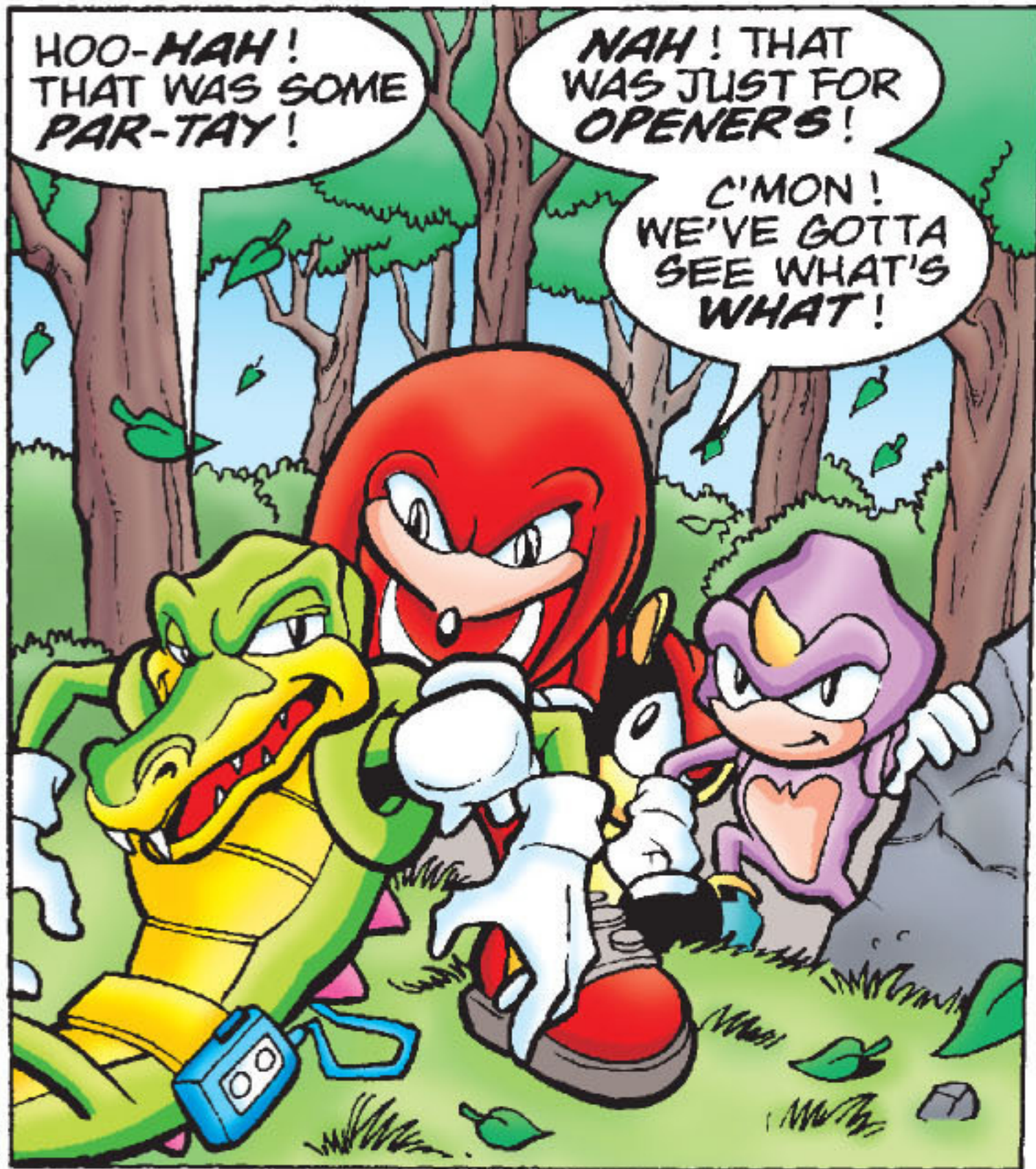


MY FAMILY IS ALSO THE REASON OUR PEOPLE STILL SURVIVE!

IS THAT A FACT?



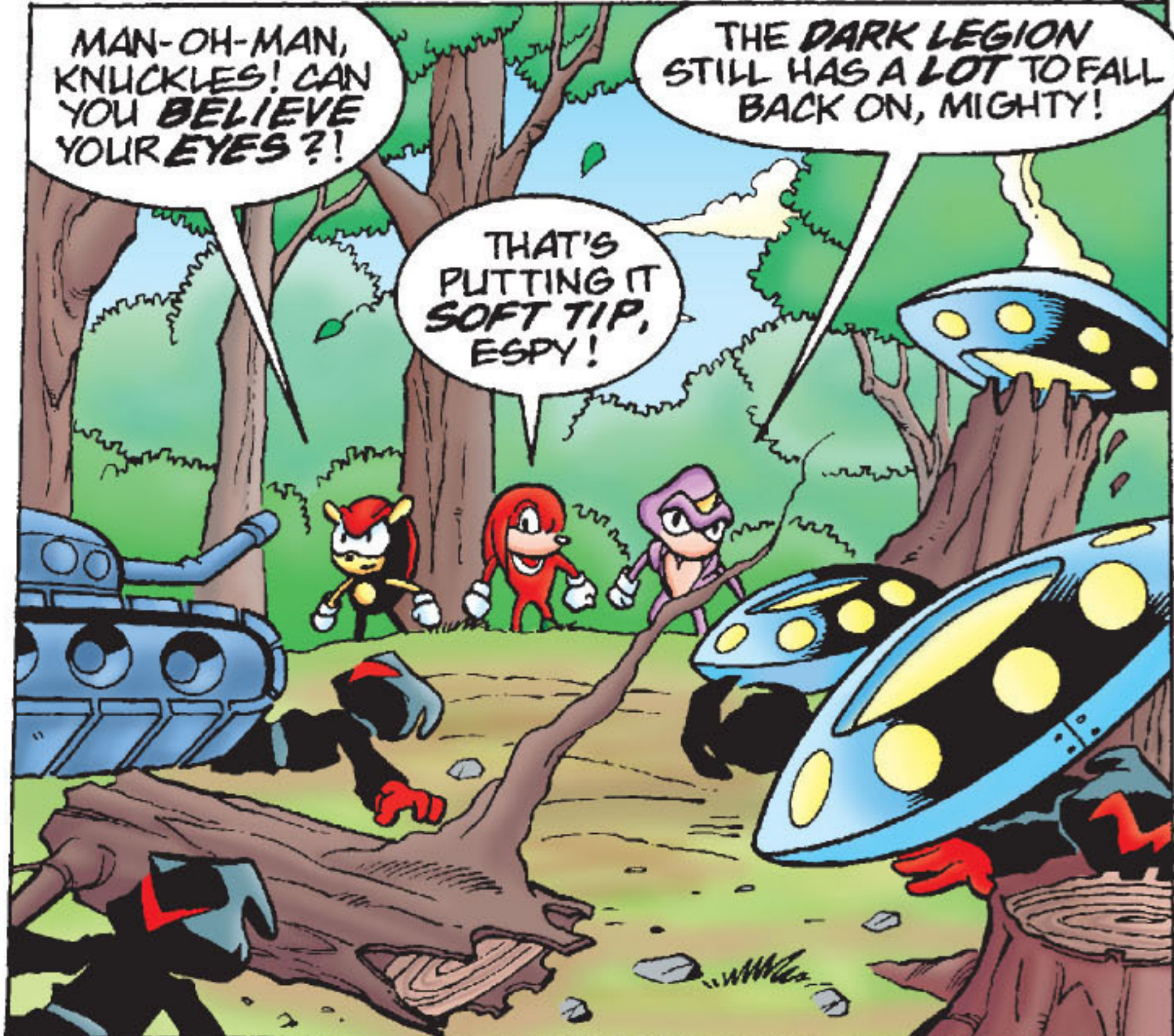




HOO-HAH!
THAT WAS SOME
PAR-TAY!

NAH! THAT
WAS JUST FOR
OPENER'S!

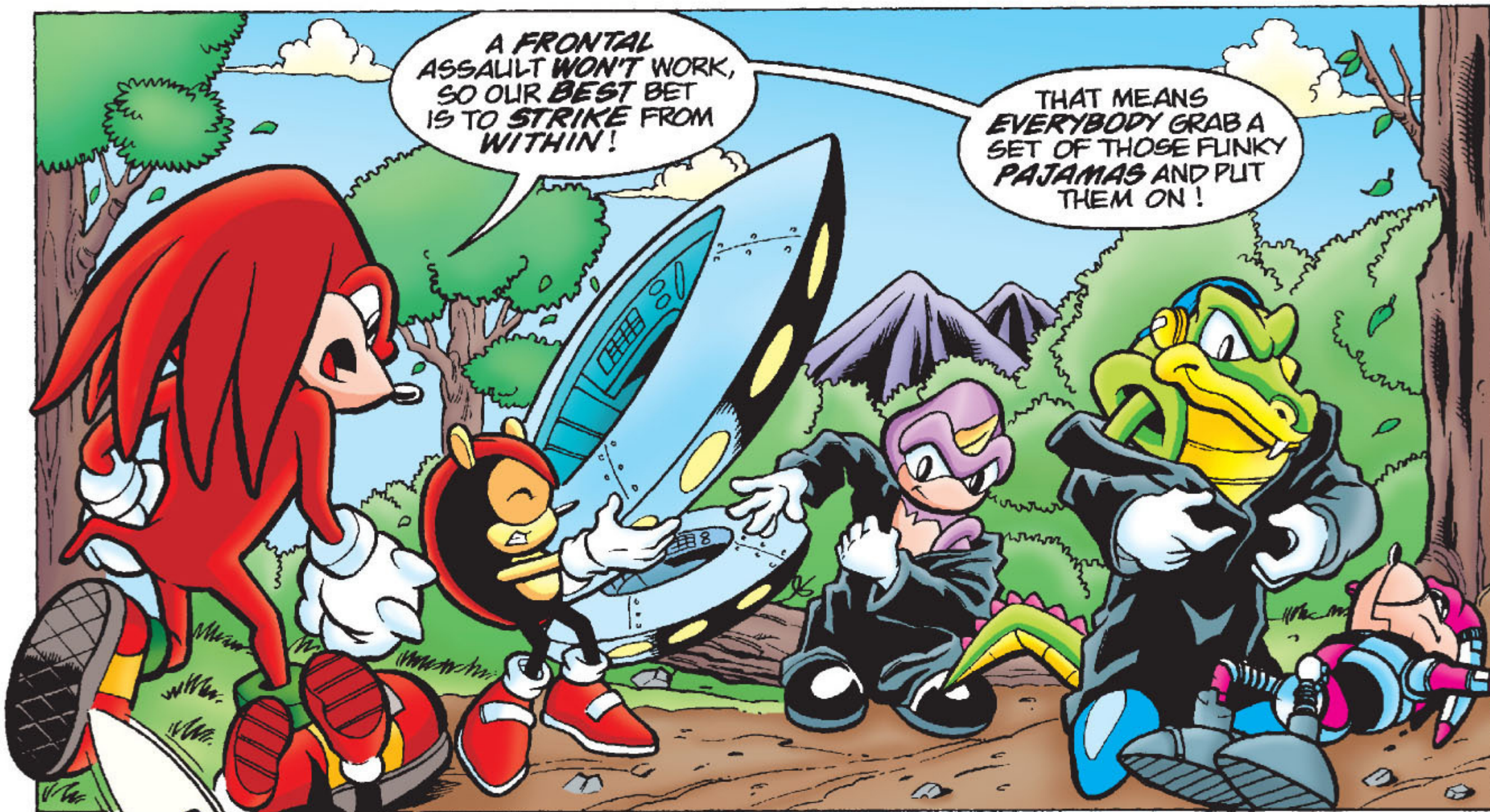
C'MON!
WE'VE GOTTA
SEE WHAT'S
WHAT!



MAN-OH-MAN,
KNUCKLES! CAN
YOU BELIEVE
YOUR EYES?!

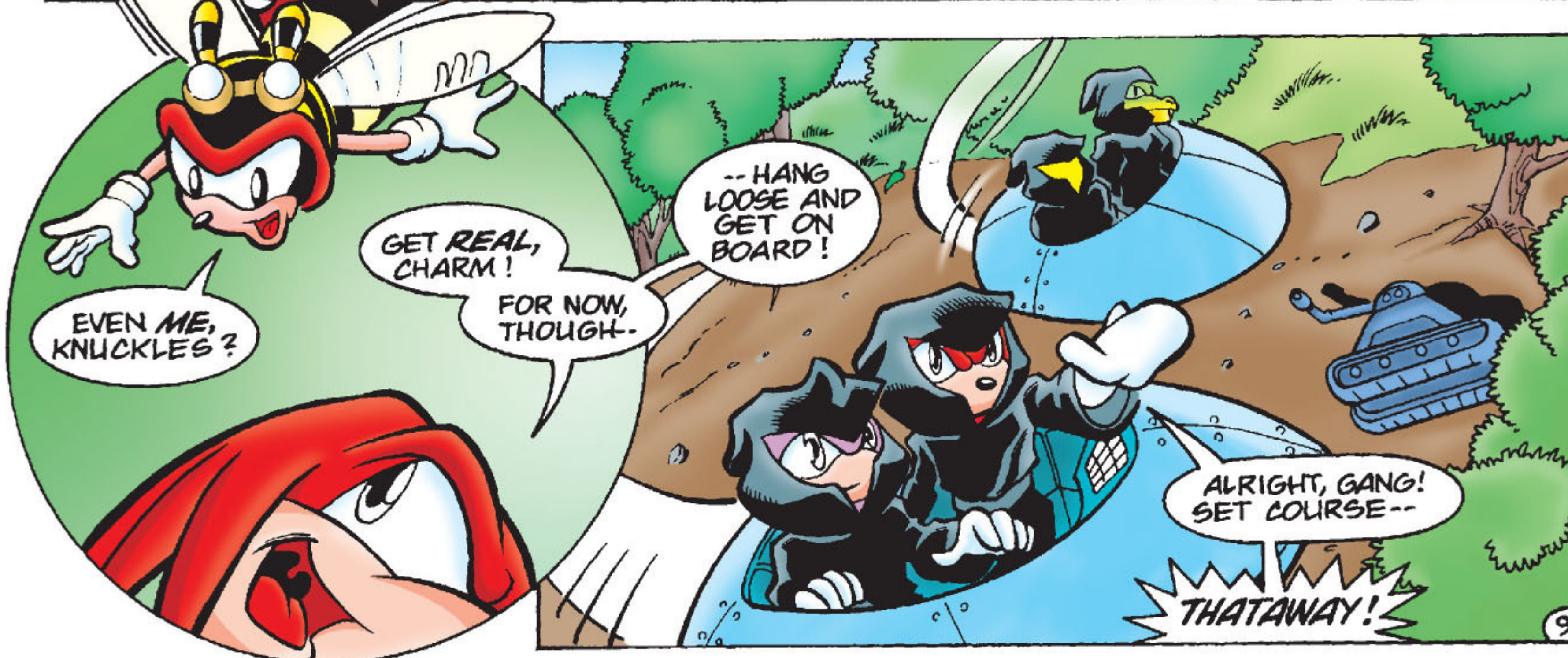
THAT'S
PUTTING IT
SOFT TIP,
ESPY!

THE DARK LEGION
STILL HAS A LOT TO FALL
BACK ON, MIGHTY!



A FRONTAL
ASSAULT WON'T WORK,
SO OUR BEST BET
IS TO STRIKE FROM
WITHIN!

THAT MEANS
EVERYBODY GRAB A
SET OF THOSE FLUNKY
PAJAMAS AND PUT
THEM ON!



EVEN ME,
KNUCKLES?

GET REAL,
CHARM!

FOR NOW,
THOUGH--

-- HANG
LOOSE AND
GET ON
BOARD!

ALRIGHT, GANG!
SET COURSE--

THATAWAY!



BOGEYS UP AHEAD!

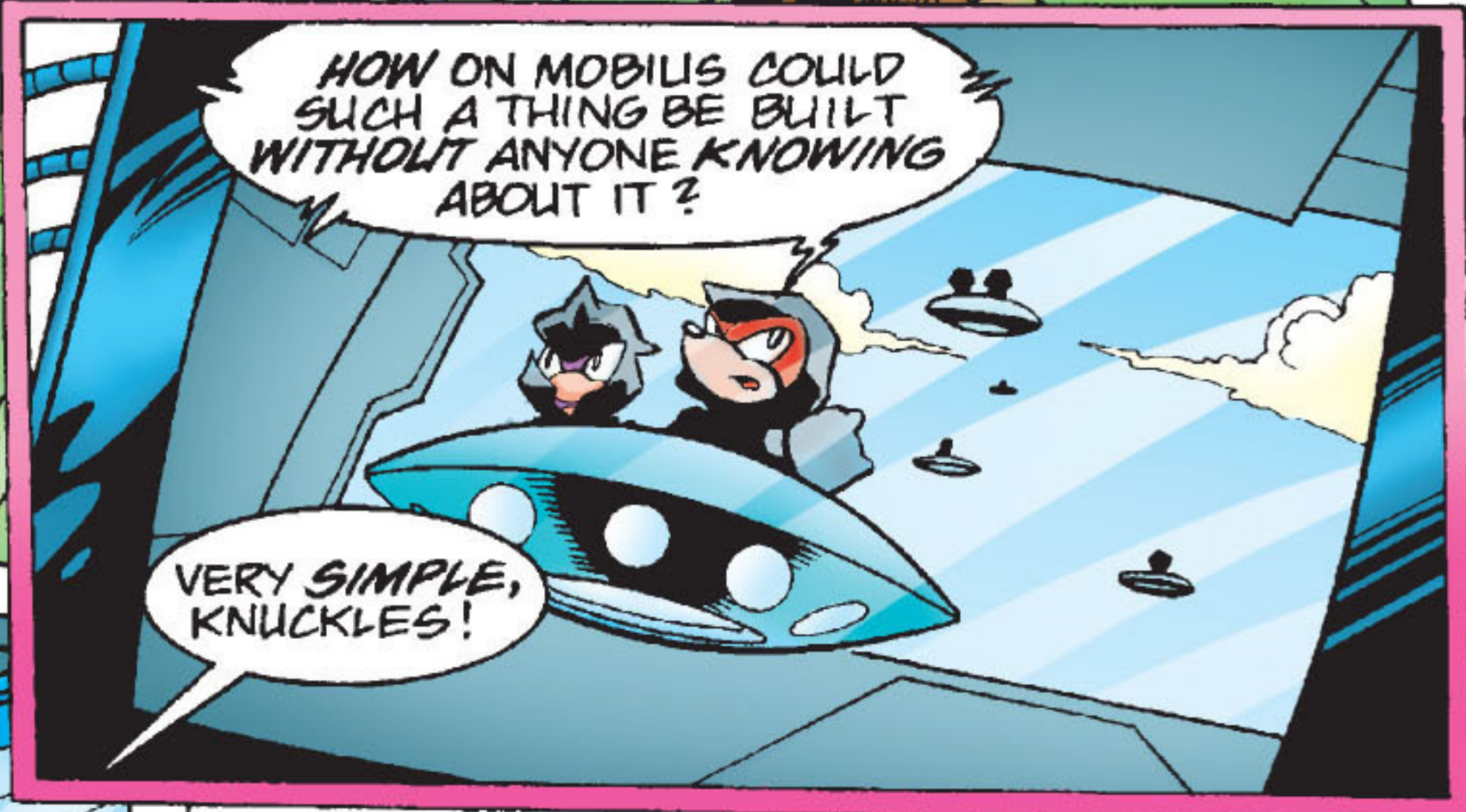
LOTS AND LOTS OF BOGEYS, KNUCKLES!

SHOULDN'T WE WAIT FOR THE CAVALRY?



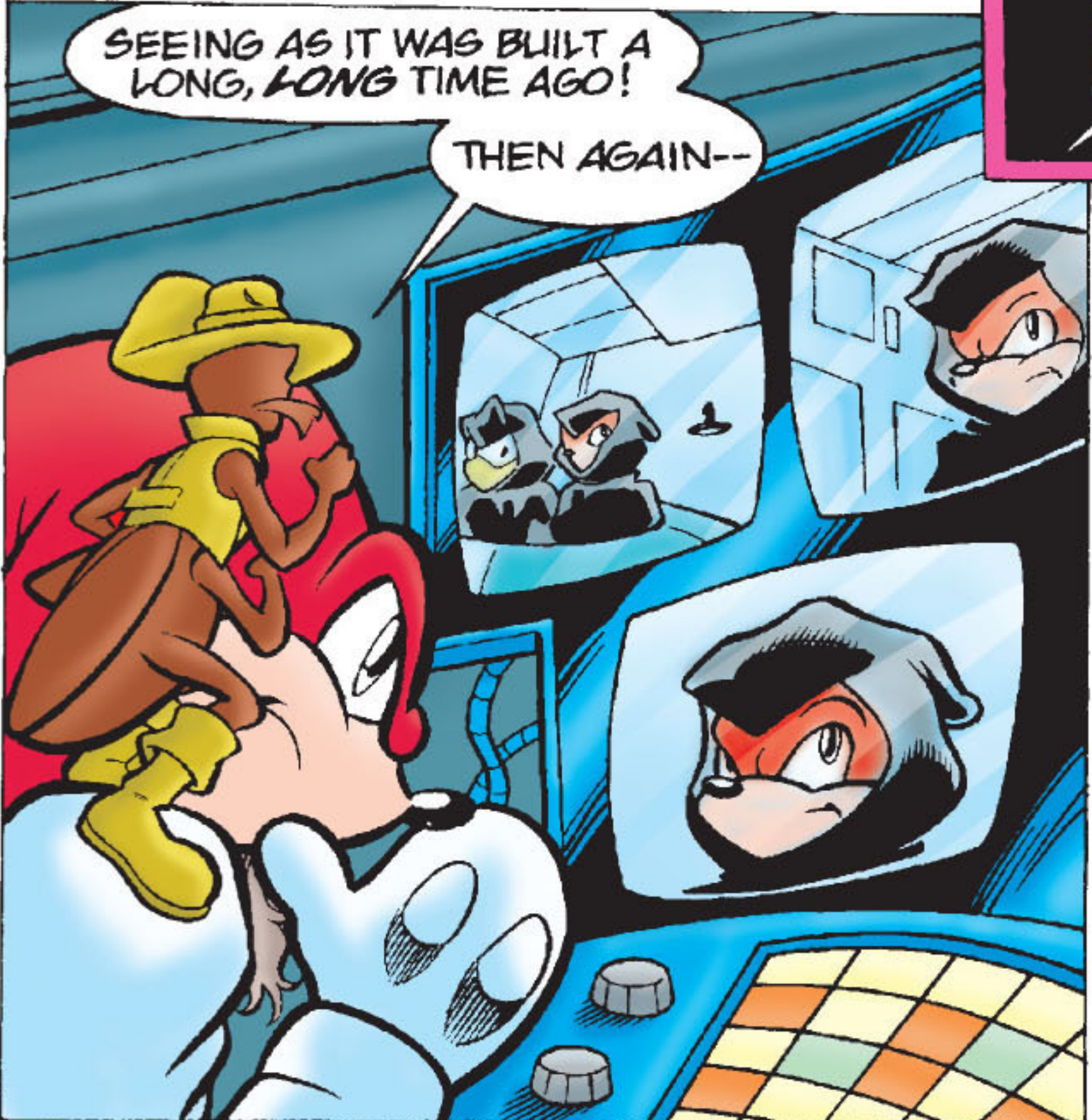
WHAT CAVALRY?!

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WHO COULD POSSIBLY BE OF ANY HELP IN TACKLING THAT-- THAT-- WHATEVER!



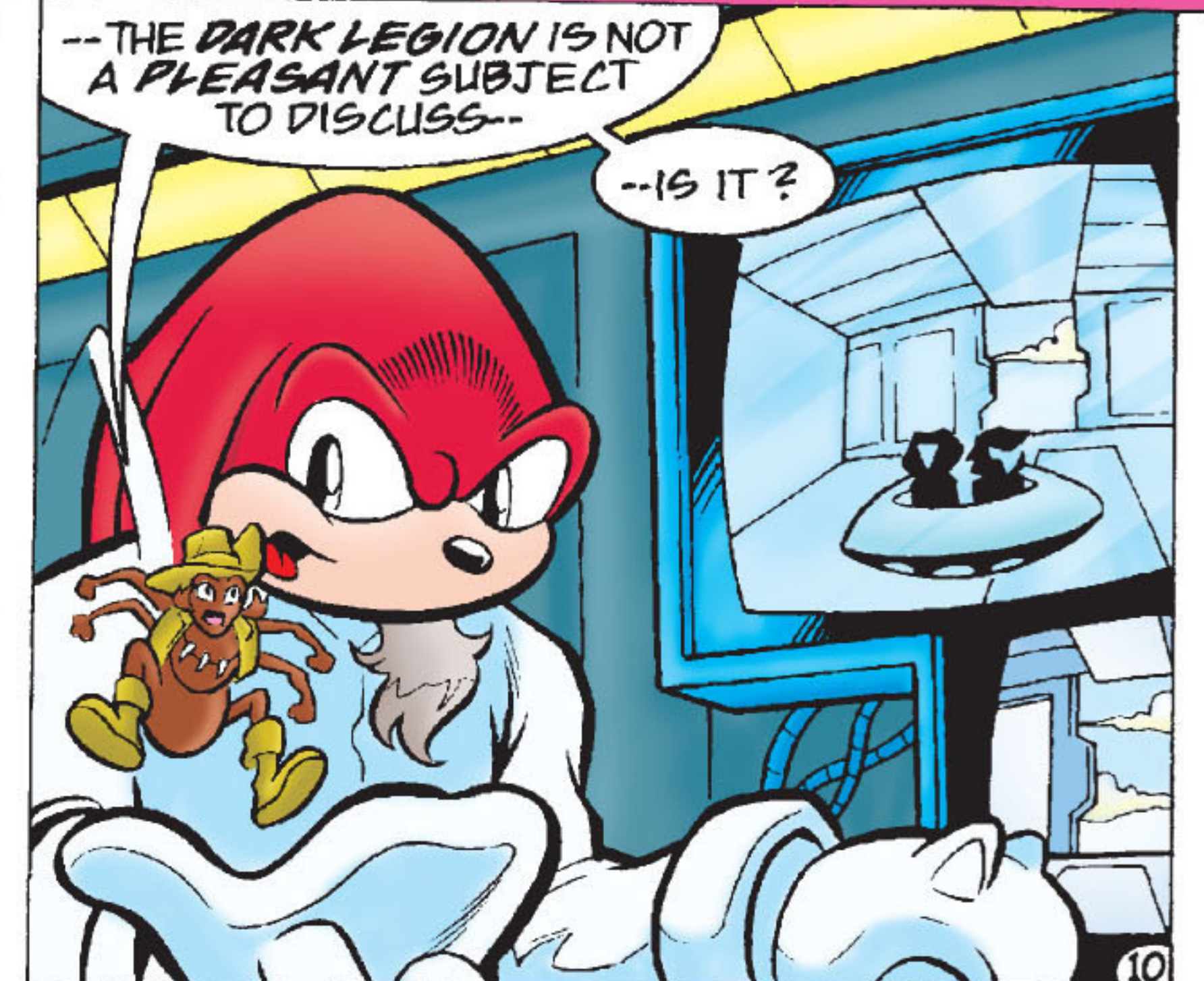
HOW ON MOBILIS COULD SUCH A THING BE BUILT WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING ABOUT IT?

VERY SIMPLE, KNUCKLES!



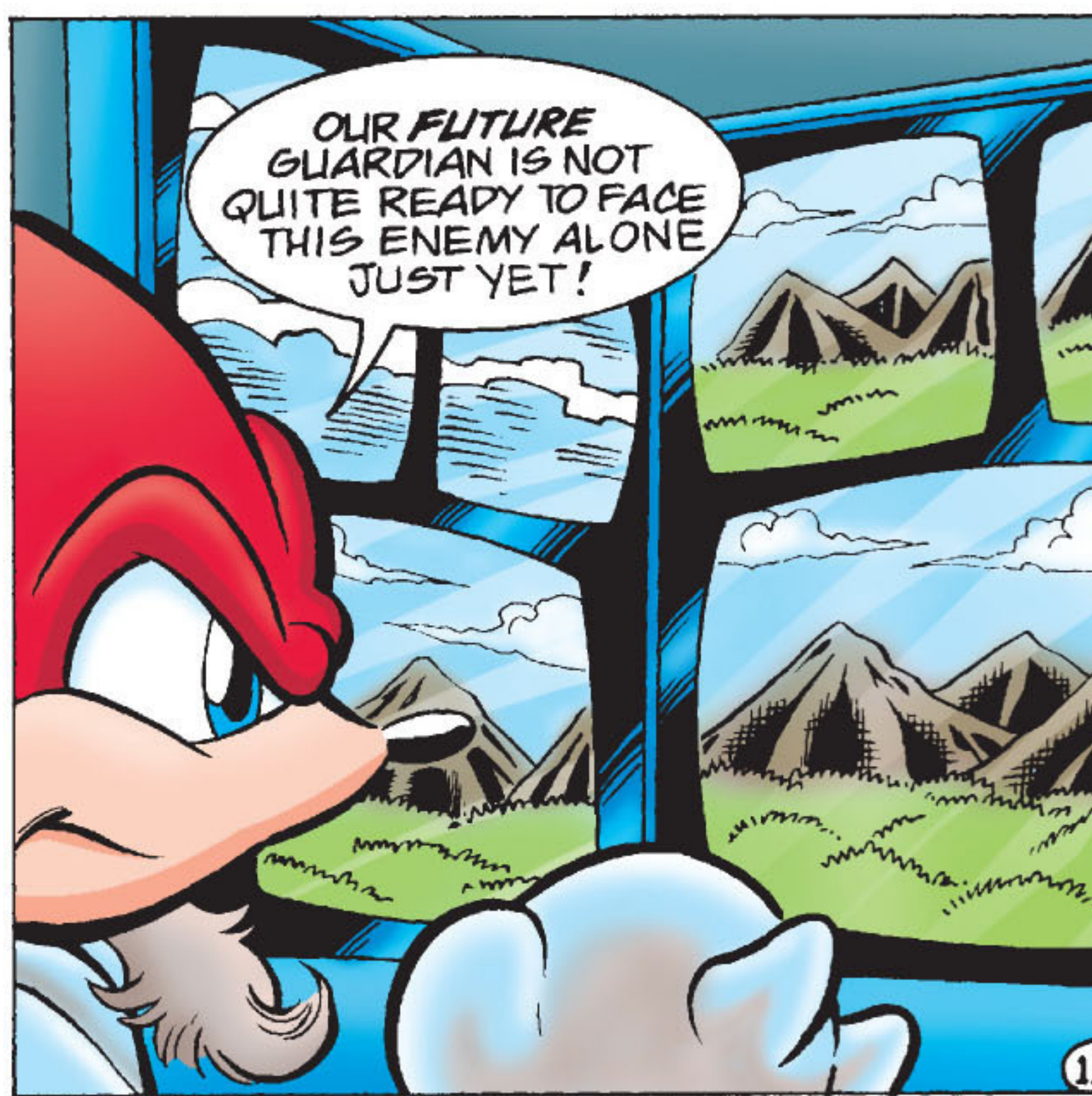
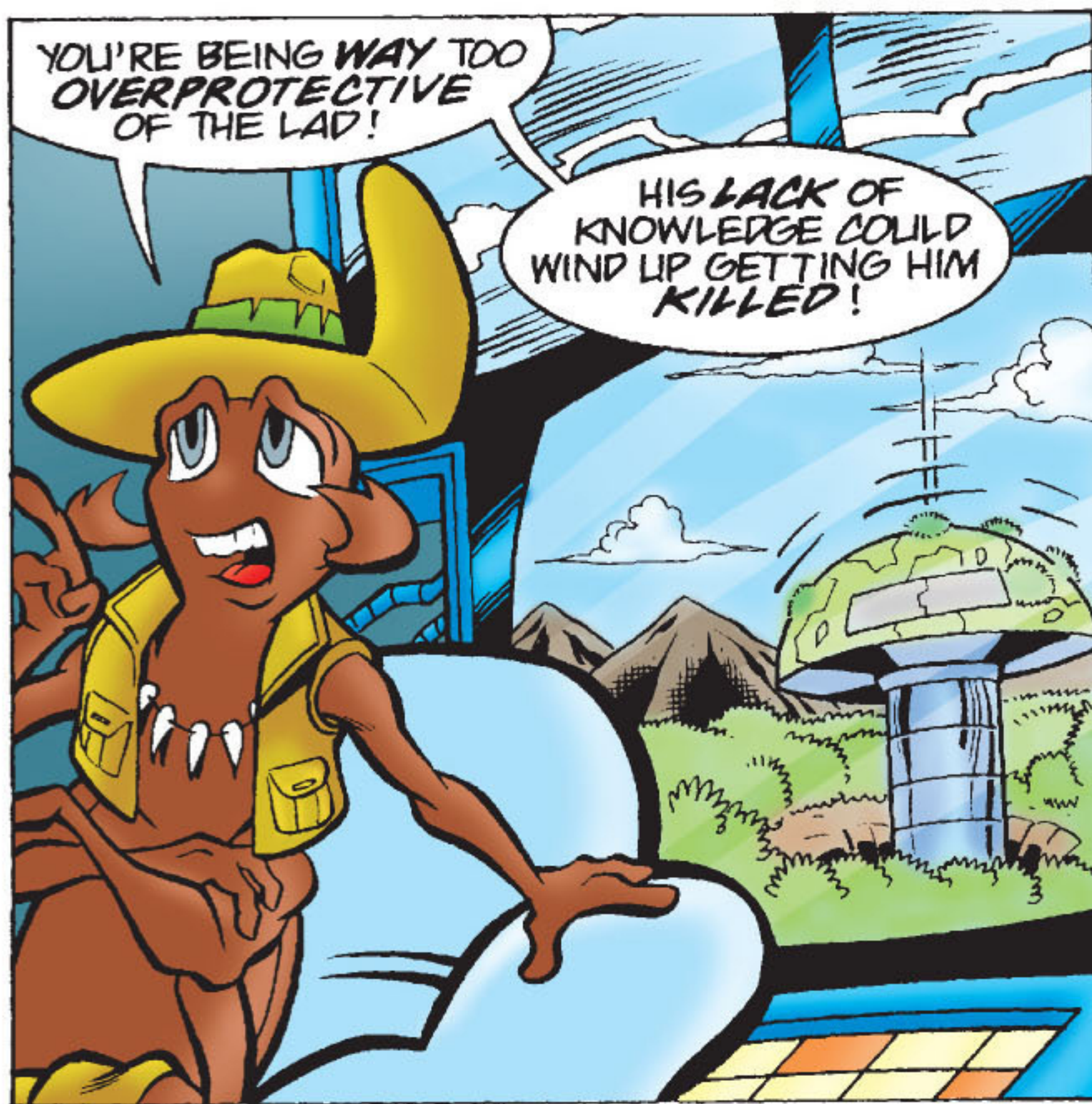
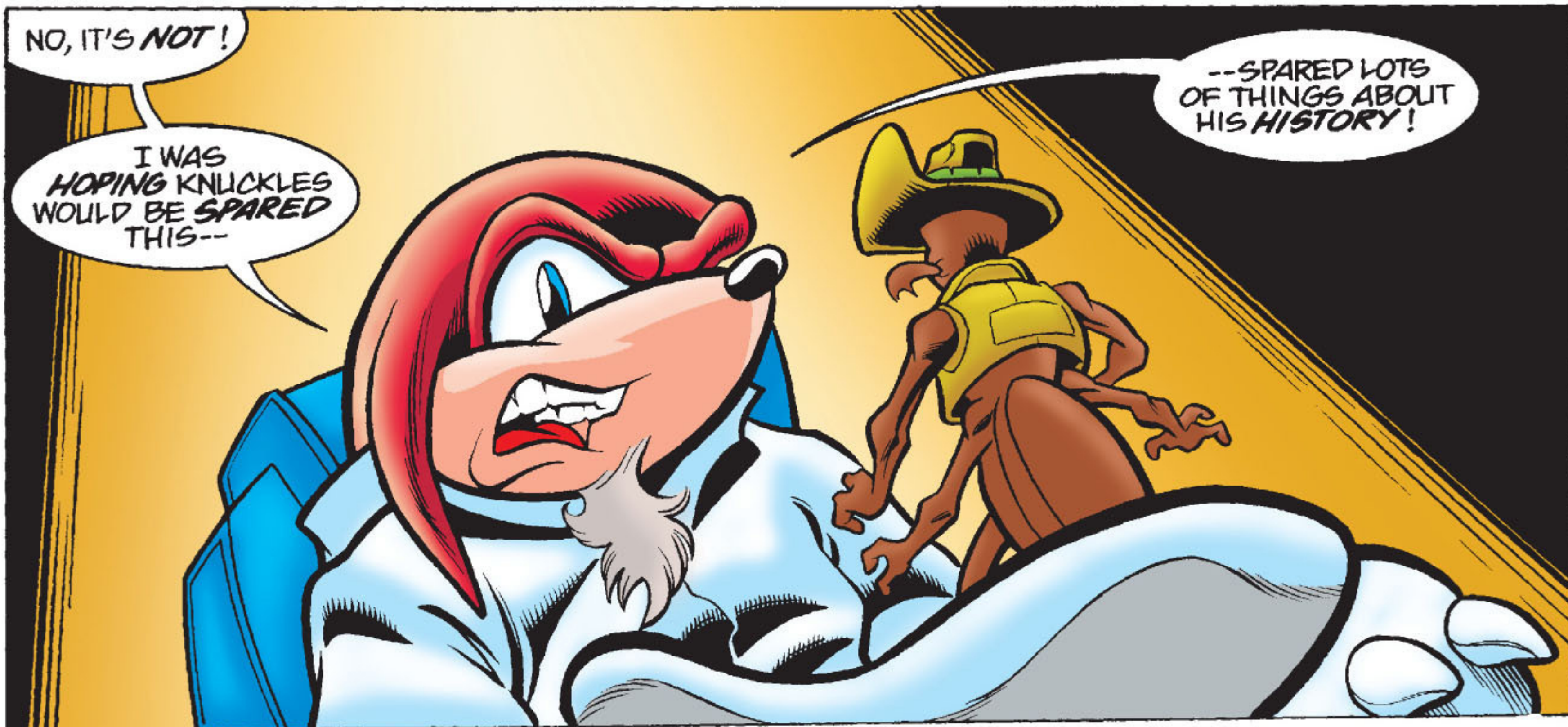
SEEING AS IT WAS BUILT A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!

THEN AGAIN--



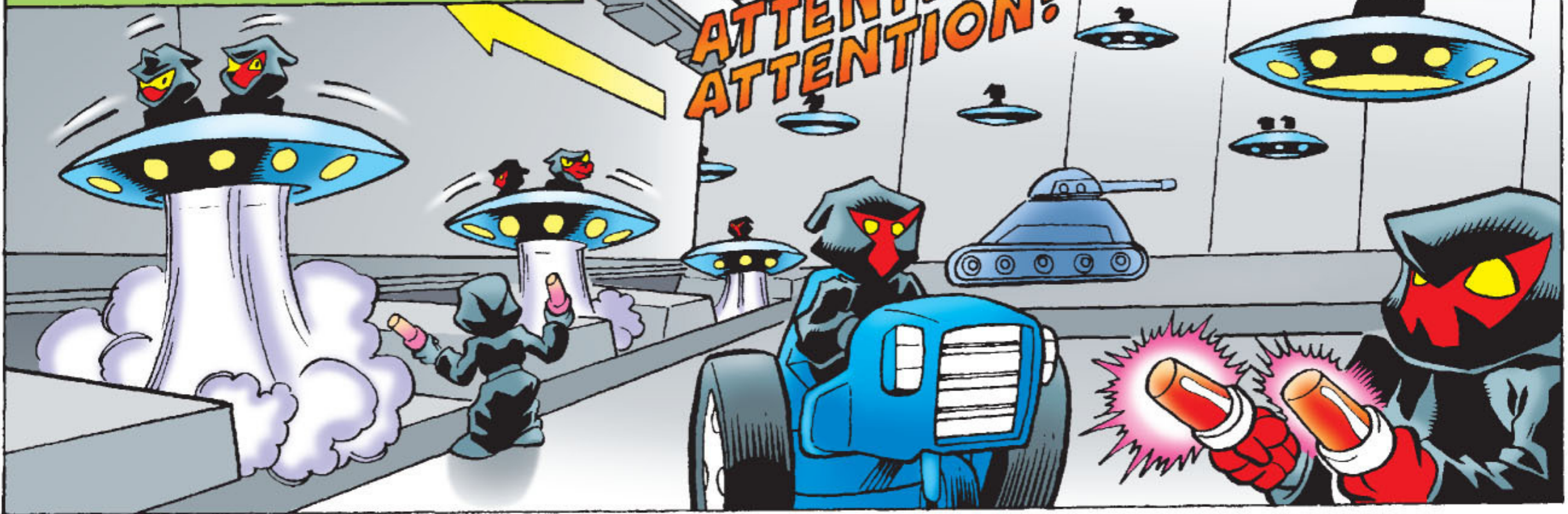
--THE DARK LEGION IS NOT A PLEASANT SUBJECT TO DISCUSS--

--IS IT?!



"AFTER ALL, HE'S ONLY EXPERIENCED FIFTEEN SEASONS, WHILE THE LEGION HAS EXISTED FOR THAT MANY GENERATIONS!"

**ATTENTION!
ATTENTION!**

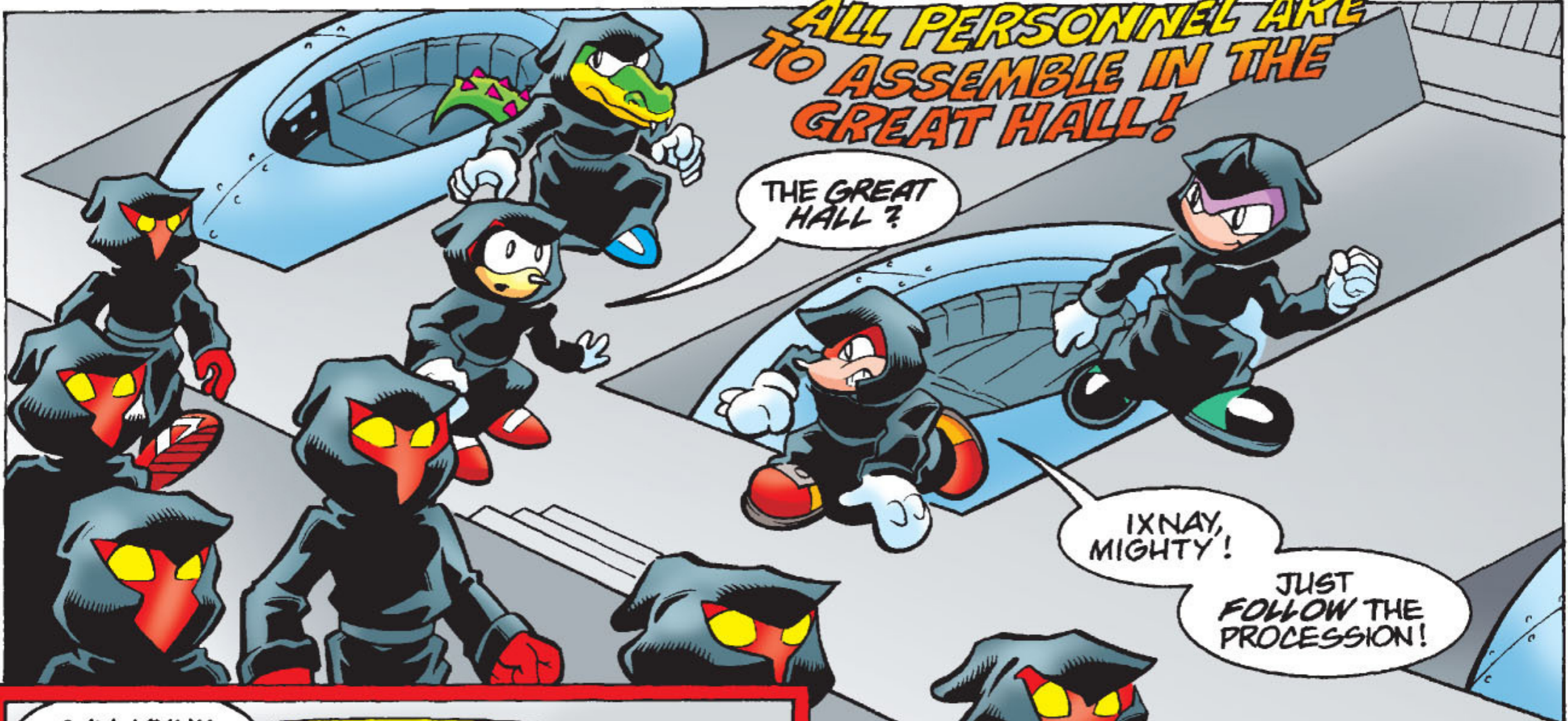


ALL PERSONNEL ARE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE GREAT HALL!

THE GREAT HALL?

IXNAY, MIGHTY!

JUST FOLLOW THE PROCESSION!



SAY, KNUX, ISN'T THAT--?

GREAT HALL

--SHORT, SCARY AND UGLY? YEAH, THAT'S HIM ALRIGHT!

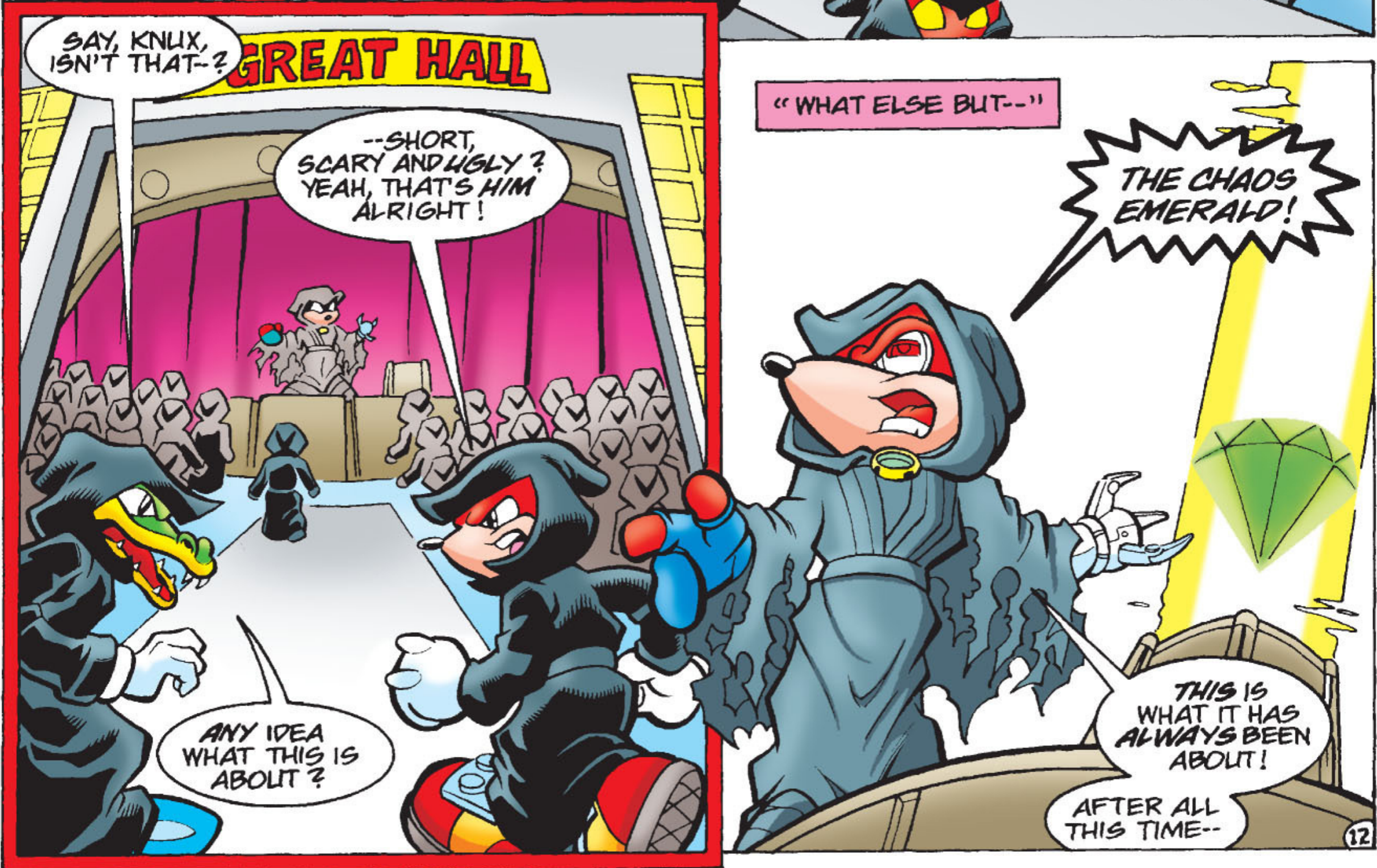
ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?

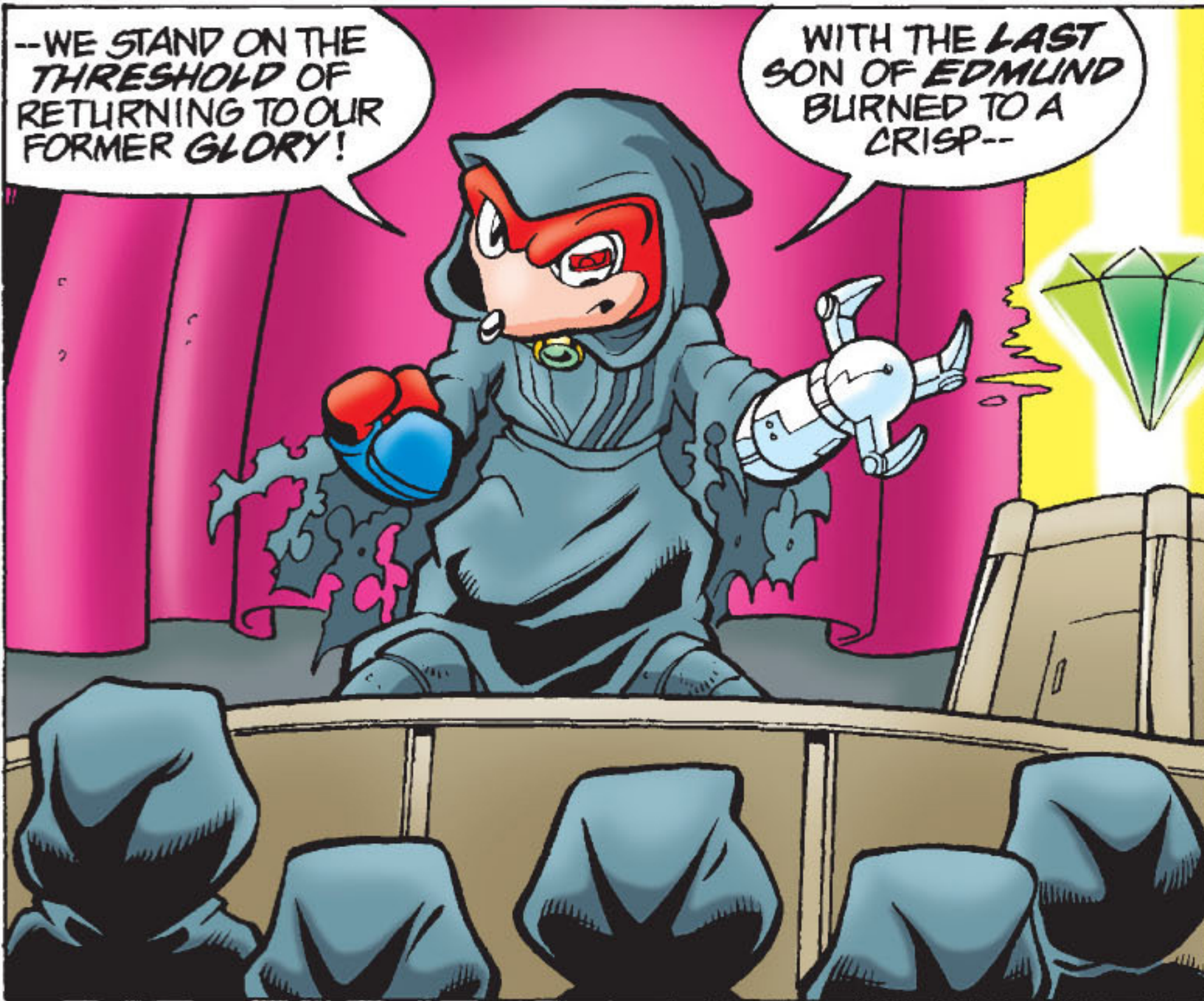
"WHAT ELSE BUT--"

THE CHAOS EMERALD!

THIS IS WHAT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT!

AFTER ALL THIS TIME--





--WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF RETURNING TO OUR FORMER GLORY!

WITH THE LAST SON OF EDMLIND BURNED TO A CRISP--



--THERE'S NOTHING TO STEP-EH?

I'D RETHINK THAT CONCEPT IF I WERE YOU!



WHO SAID THAT?!!

WHO DARES MOCK KRAGOK?!!



I DARE!

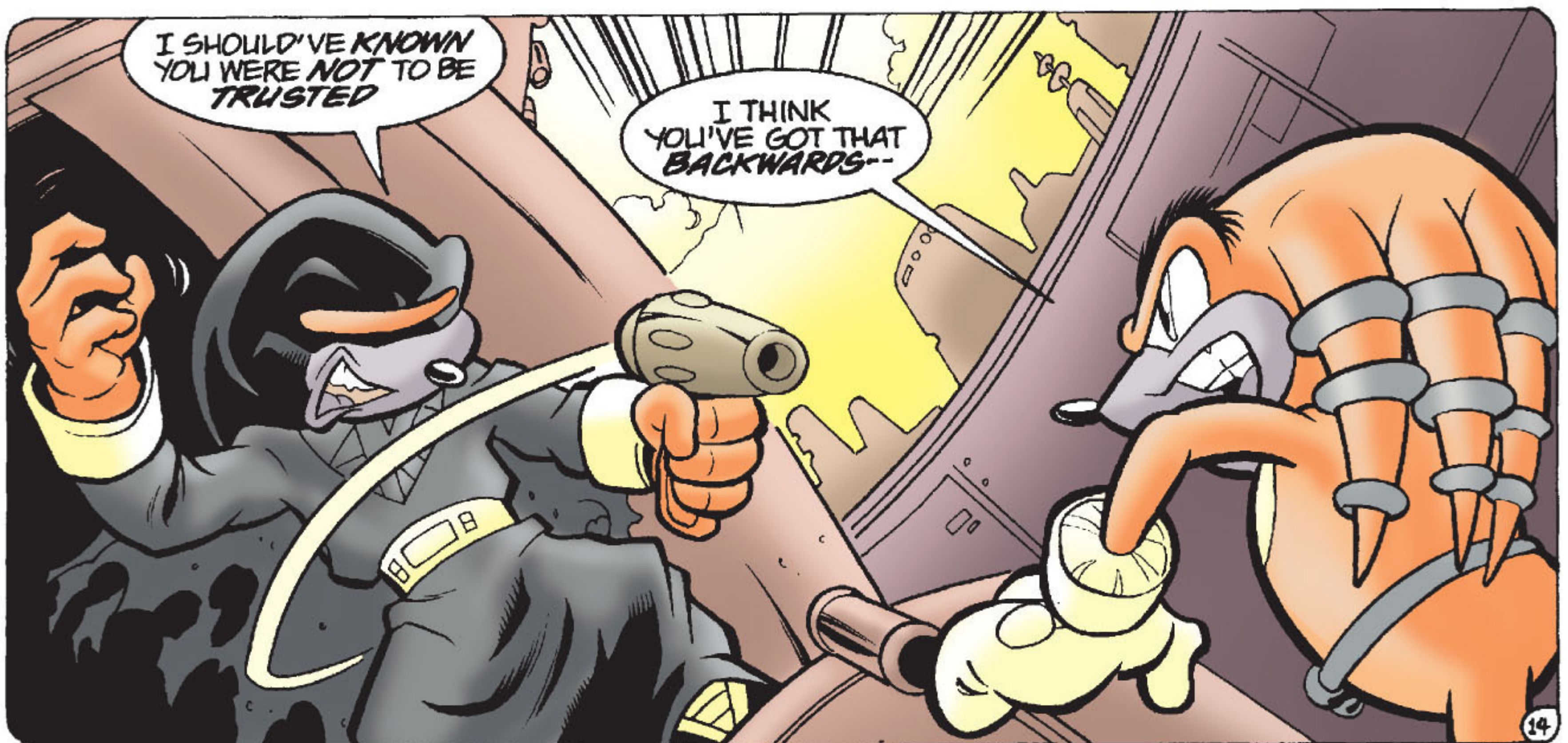
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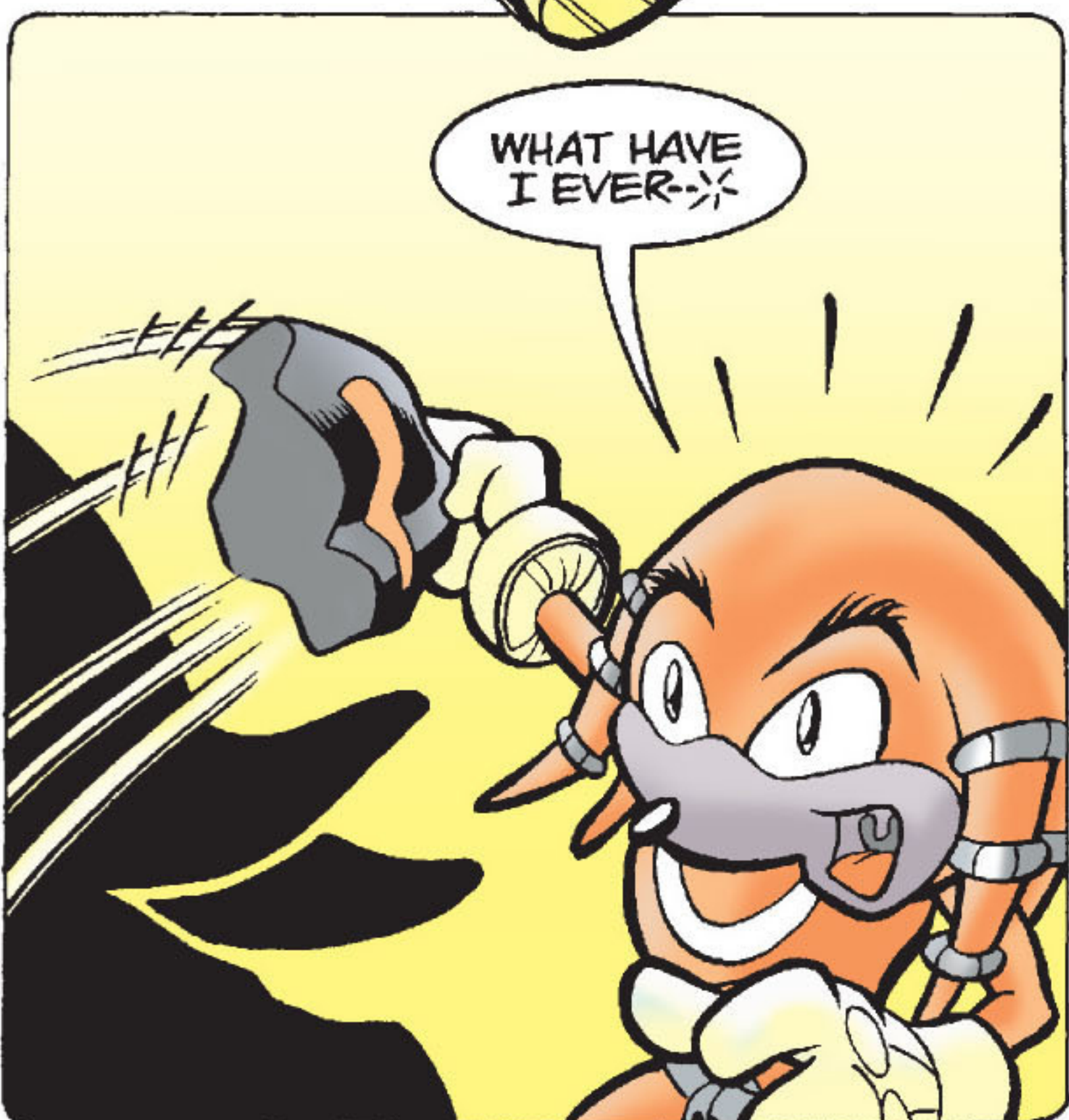
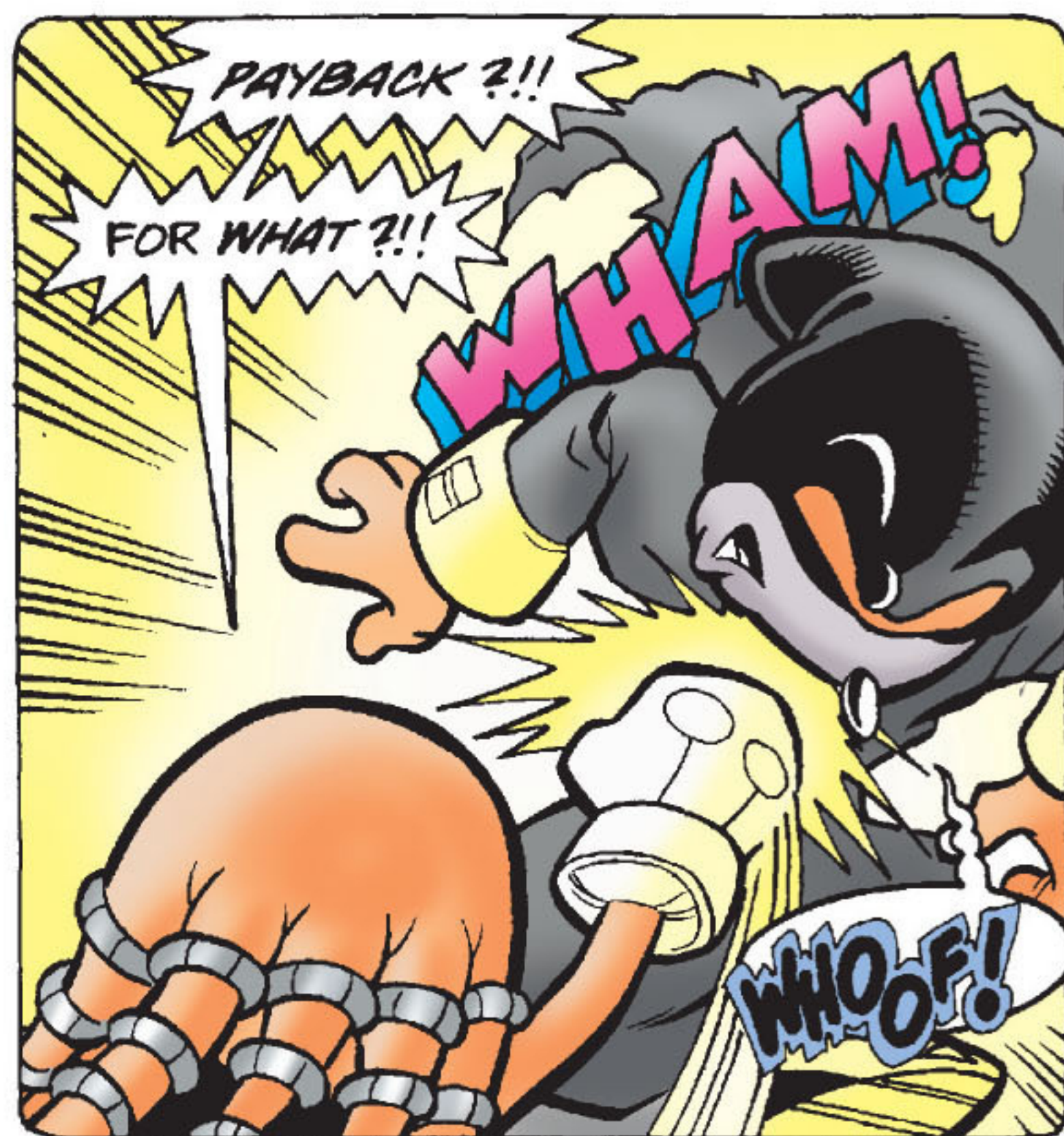
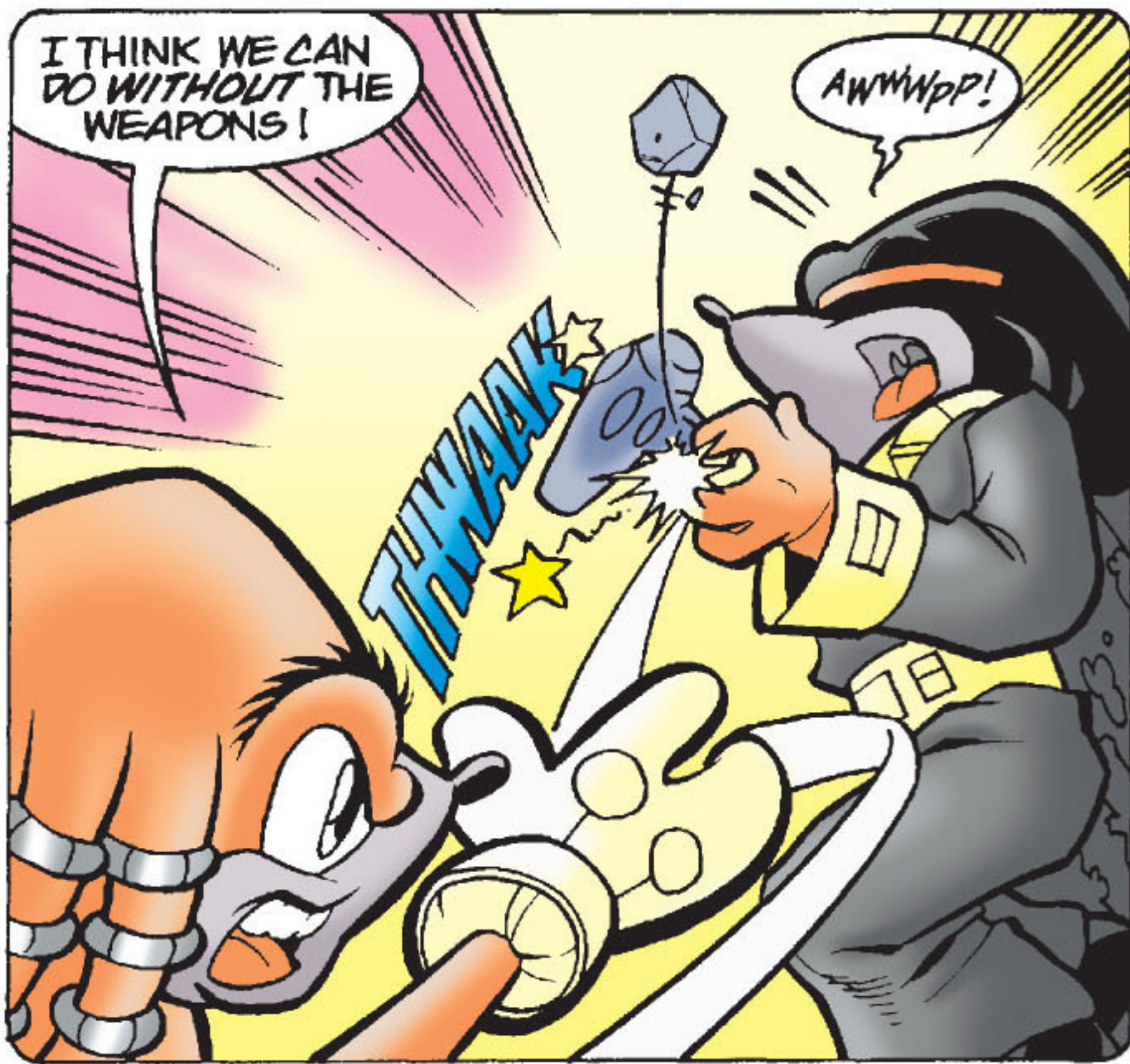
I'LL HAVE YOU FLOGGED FOR THIS!

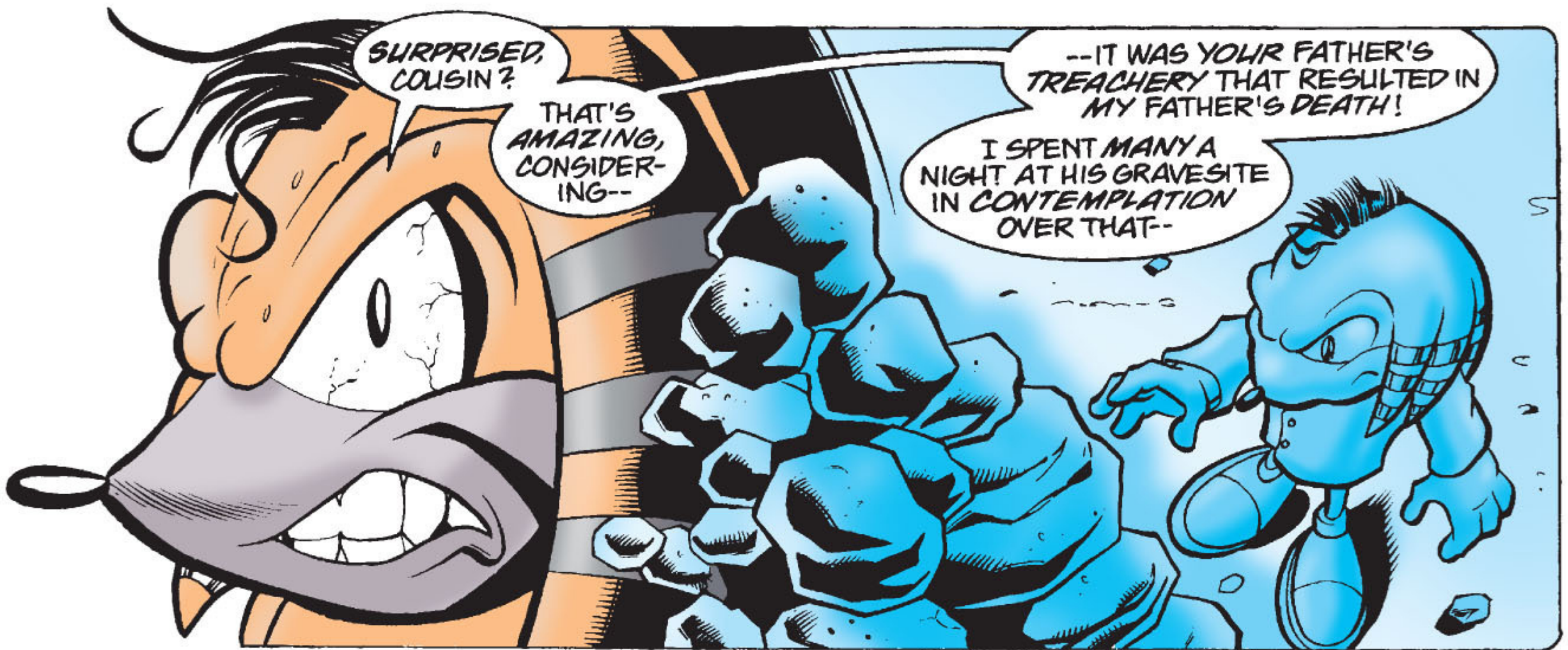


IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN YOUR HOT AIR TO GET THE JOB DONE!

YOU!





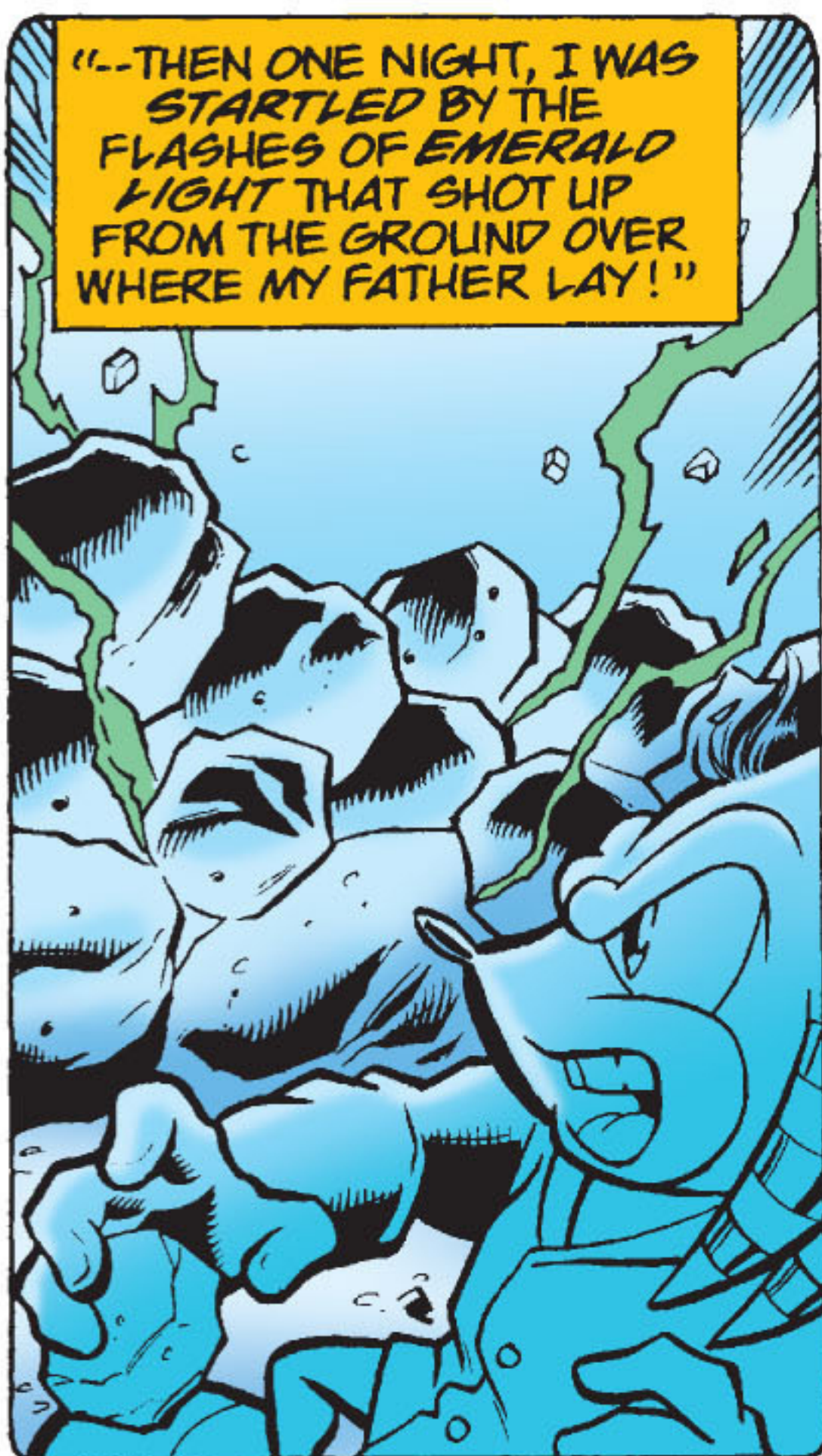


SURPRISED, COUSIN?

THAT'S AMAZING, CONSIDERING--

--IT WAS YOUR FATHER'S TREACHERY THAT RESULTED IN MY FATHER'S DEATH!

I SPENT MANY A NIGHT AT HIS GRAVESITE IN CONTEMPLATION OVER THAT--



"--THEN ONE NIGHT, I WAS STARTLED BY THE FLASHES OF EMERALD LIGHT THAT SHOT UP FROM THE GROUND OVER WHERE MY FATHER LAY!"



I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY OR HOW--

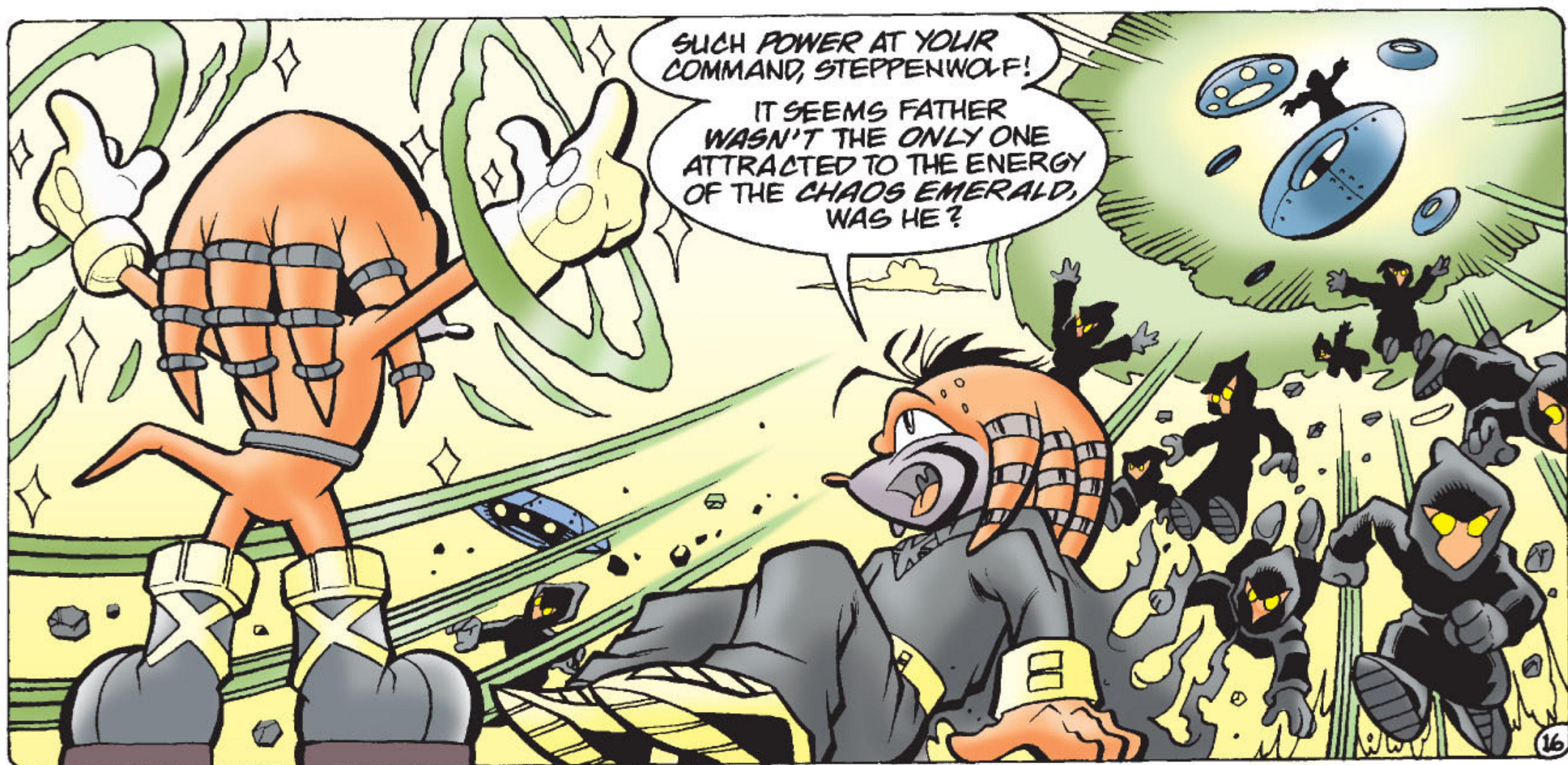
--BUT IT WAS AS IF MY FATHER HAD SENT ME A MESSAGE!



DON'T YOU SEE? HE WANTED ME TO CONTINUE WHAT HE HAD STARTED!

ALL I UNDERSTAND--

--IS, IF YOU CONTINUE WHAT YOU STARTED, IT COULD MEAN DISASTER FOR OUR PEOPLE!



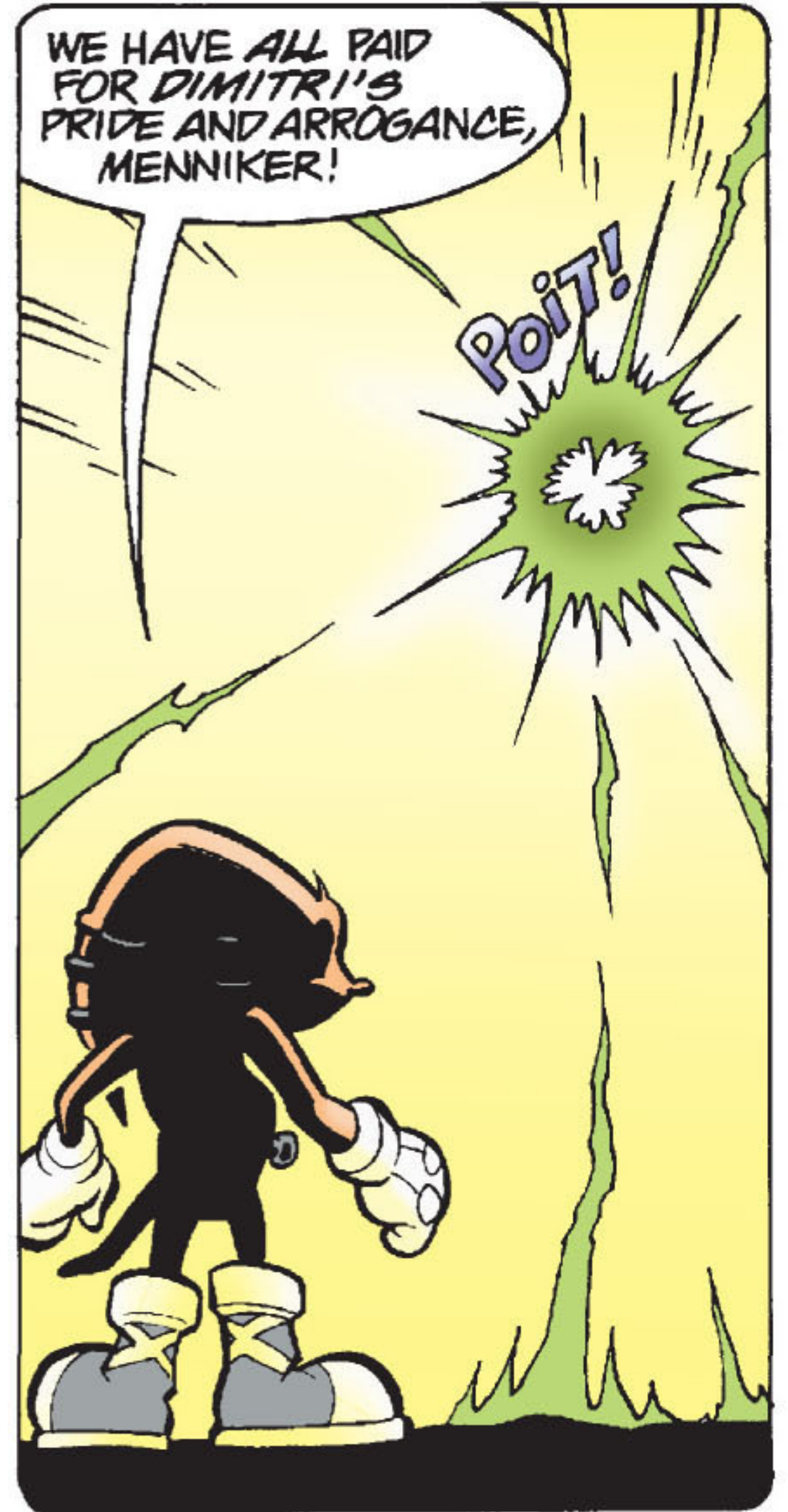
SUCH POWER AT YOUR COMMAND, STEPPENWOLF!

IT SEEMS FATHER WASN'T THE ONLY ONE ATTRACTED TO THE ENERGY OF THE CHAOS EMERALD, WAS HE?



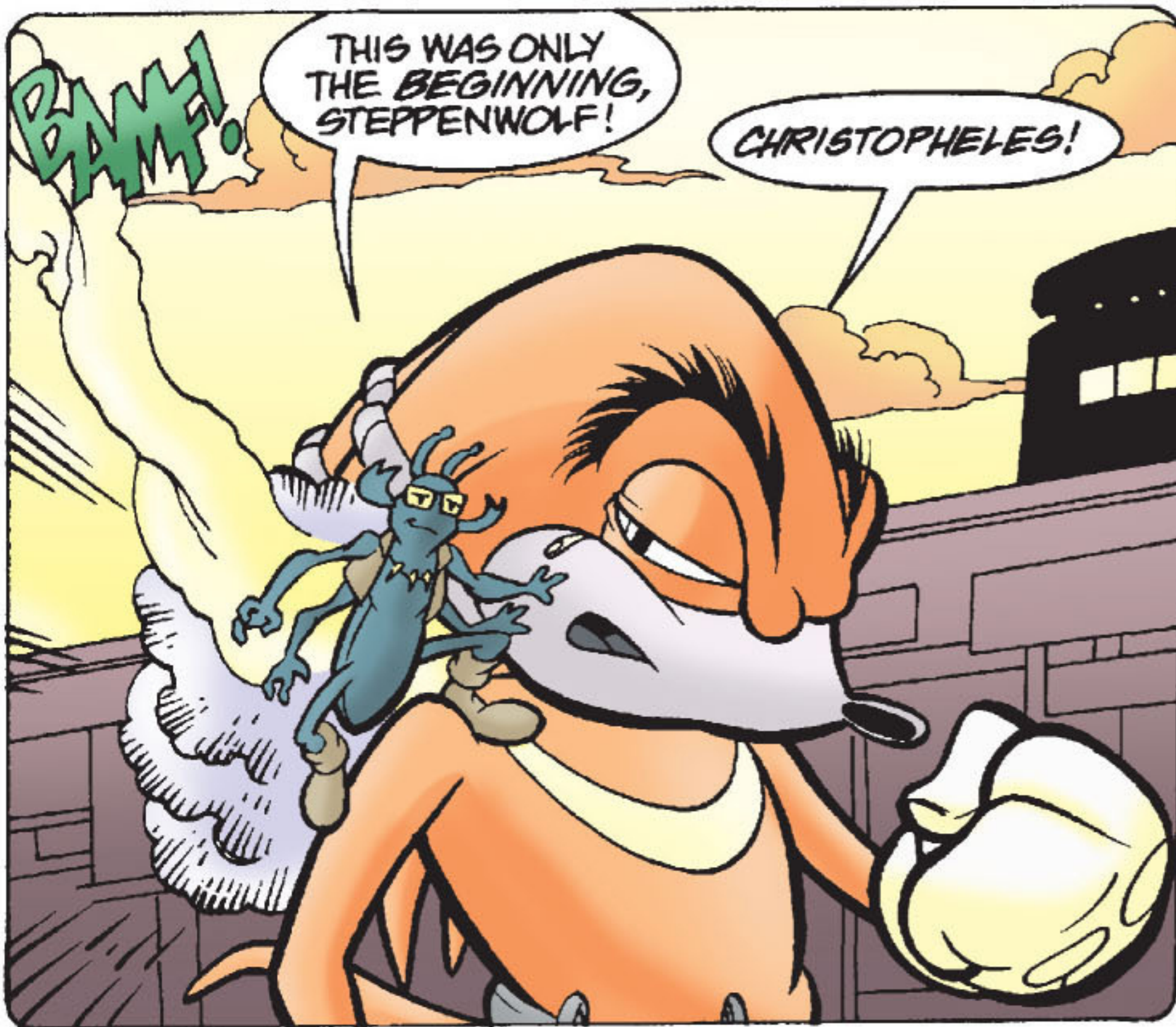
YOU AND YOURS WILL PAY, STEPPENWOLF --

KRA
KRAHHH!



WE HAVE ALL PAID FOR DIMITRI'S PRIDE AND ARROGANCE, MENNIKER!

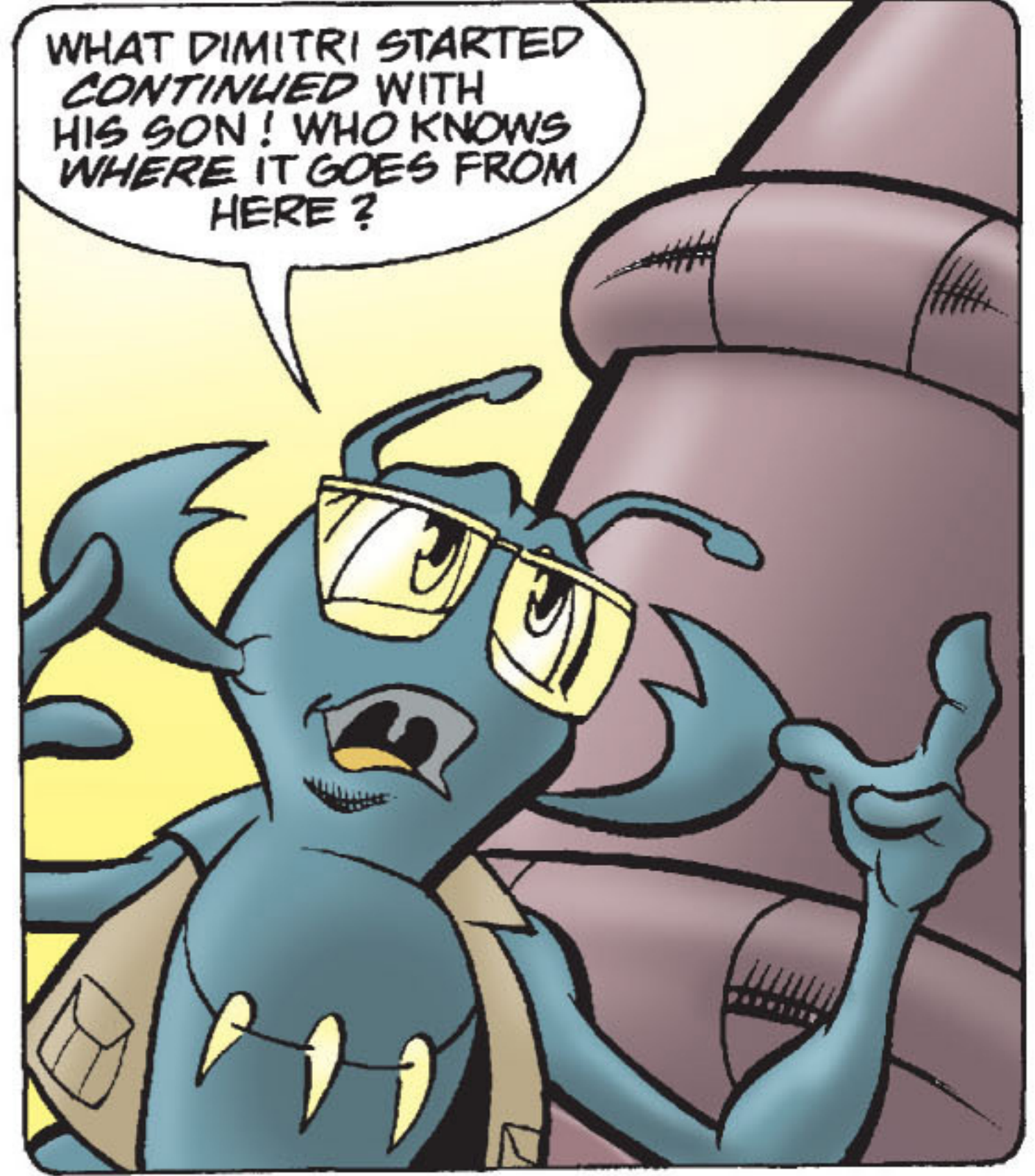
PoIT!



BAM!

THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING, STEPPENWOLF!

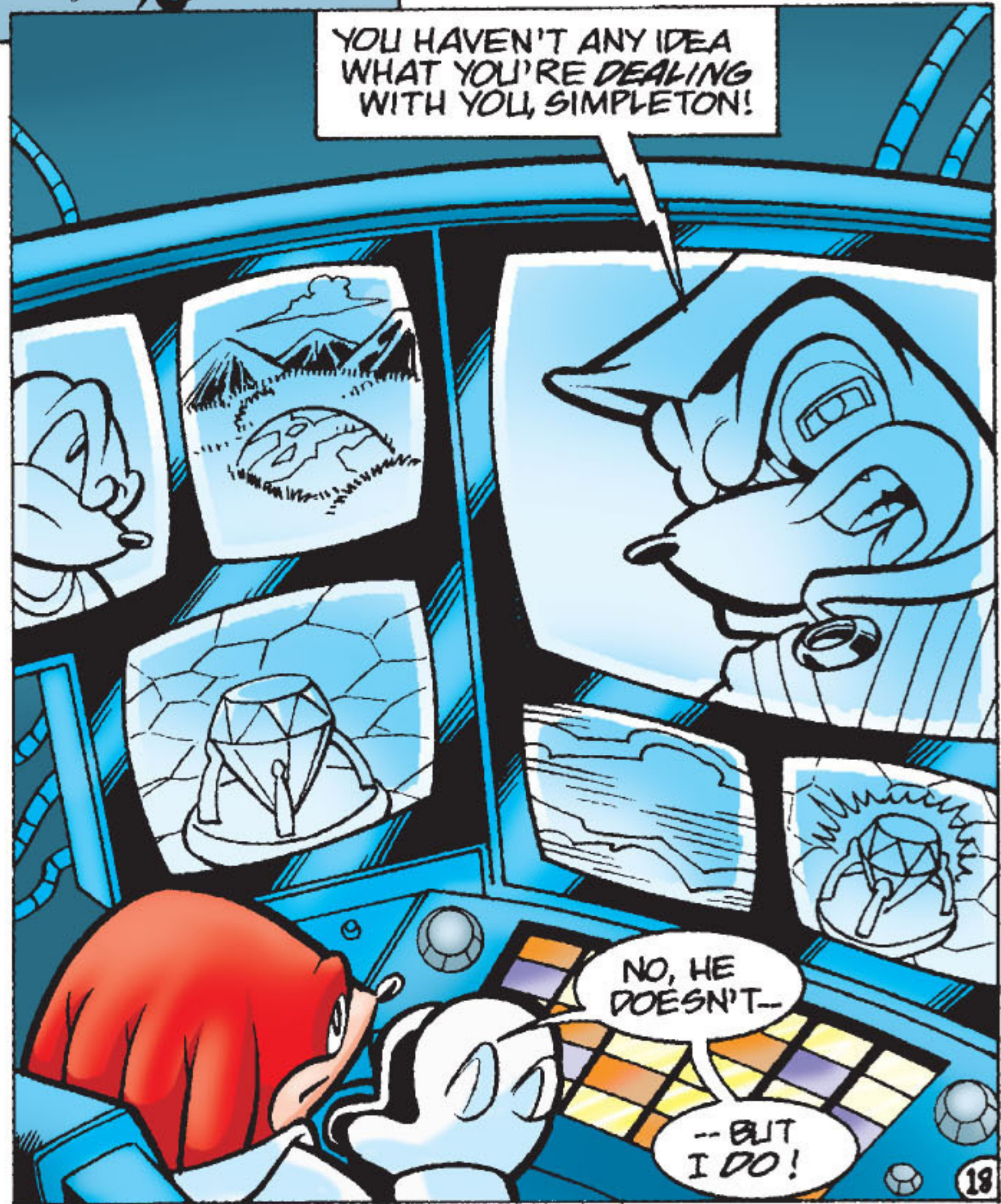
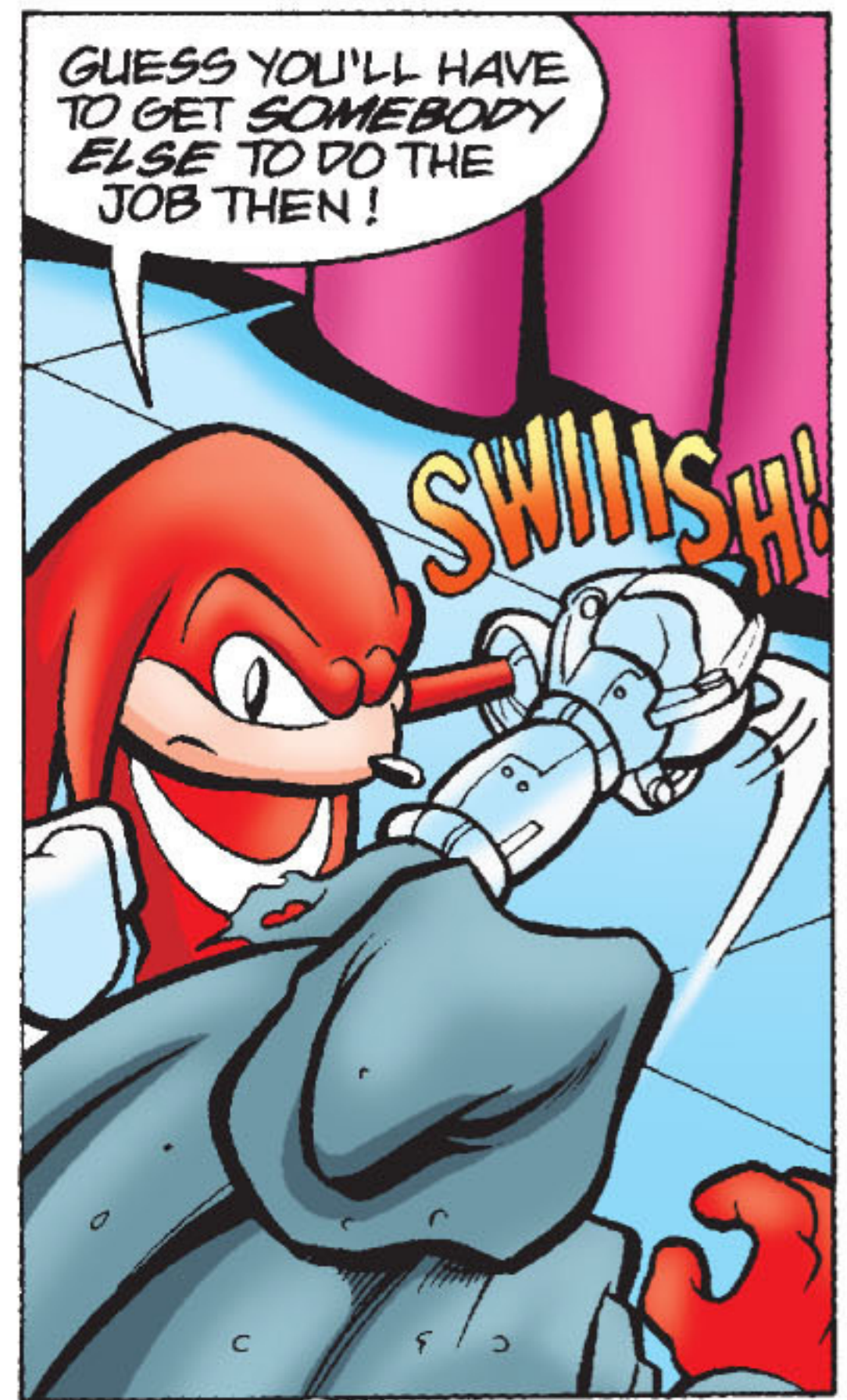
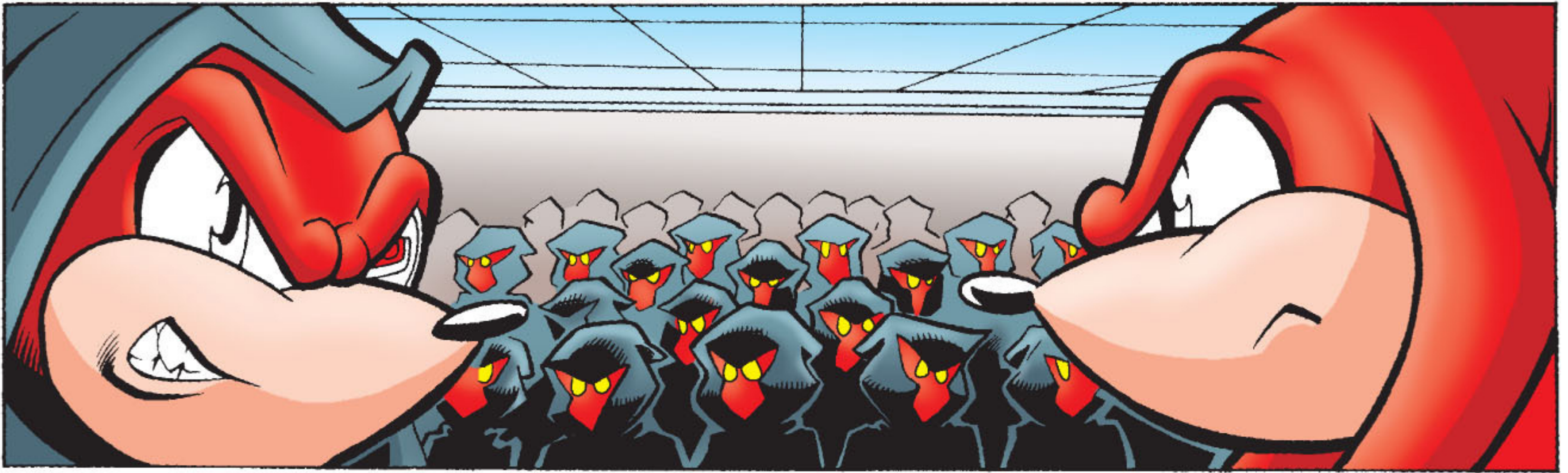
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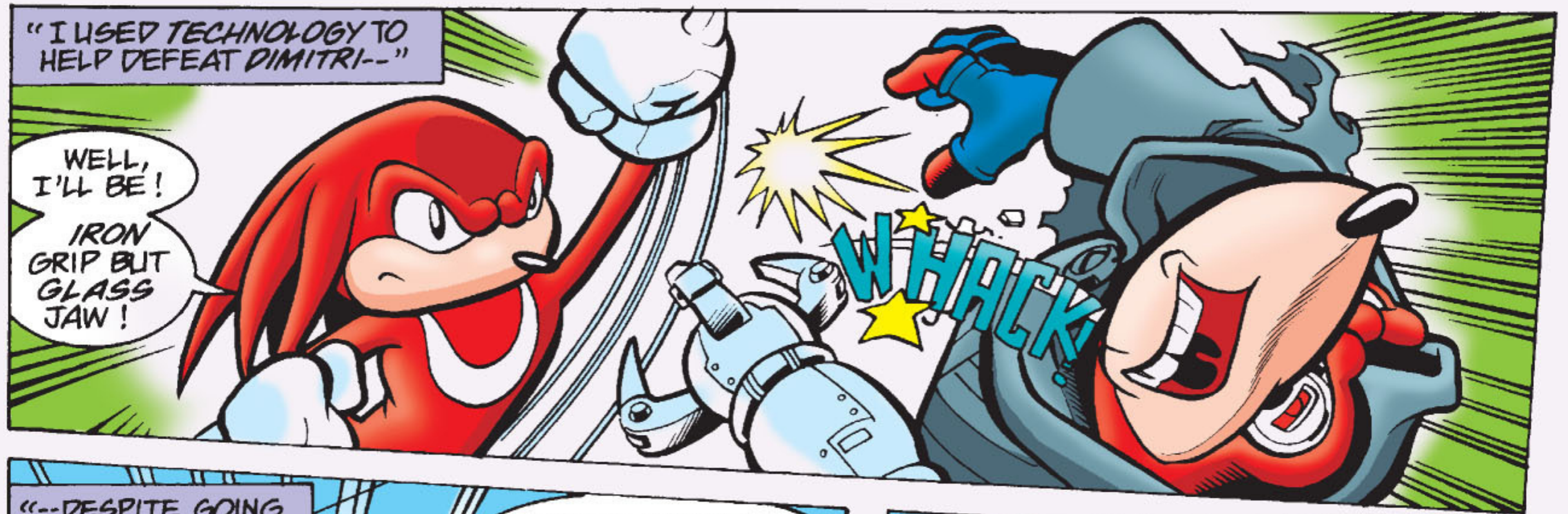


WHAT DIMITRI STARTED CONTINUED WITH HIS SON! WHO KNOWS WHERE IT GOES FROM HERE?



THAT'S A QUESTION FOR ANOTHER DAY!

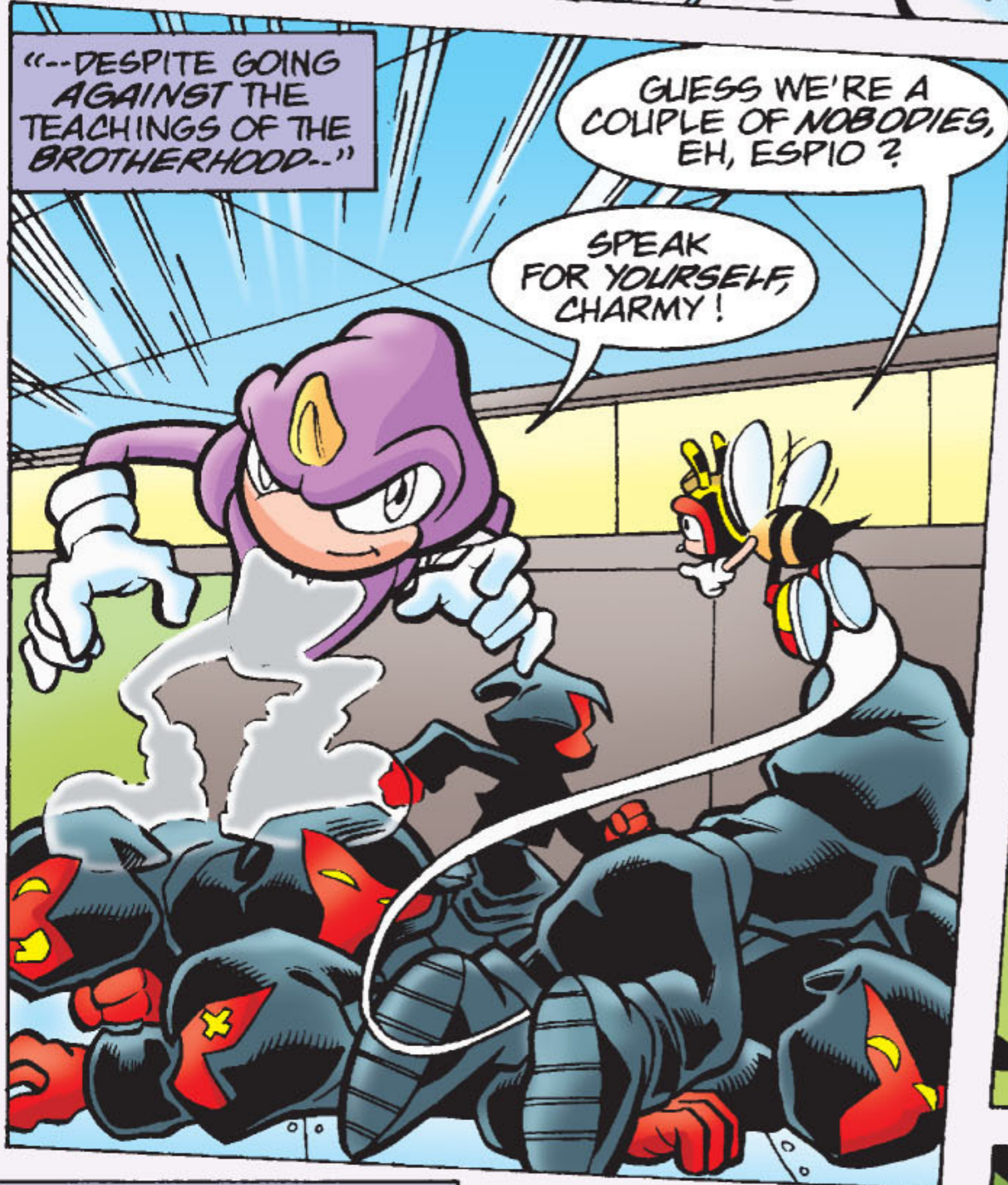




"I USED TECHNOLOGY TO HELP DEFEAT DIMITRI--"

WELL, I'LL BE!
IRON GRIP BUT GLASS JAW!

WHACK



"--DESPITE GOING AGAINST THE TEACHINGS OF THE BROTHERHOOD--"

GUESS WE'RE A COUPLE OF NOBODIES, EH, ESPIO?

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, CHARMY!



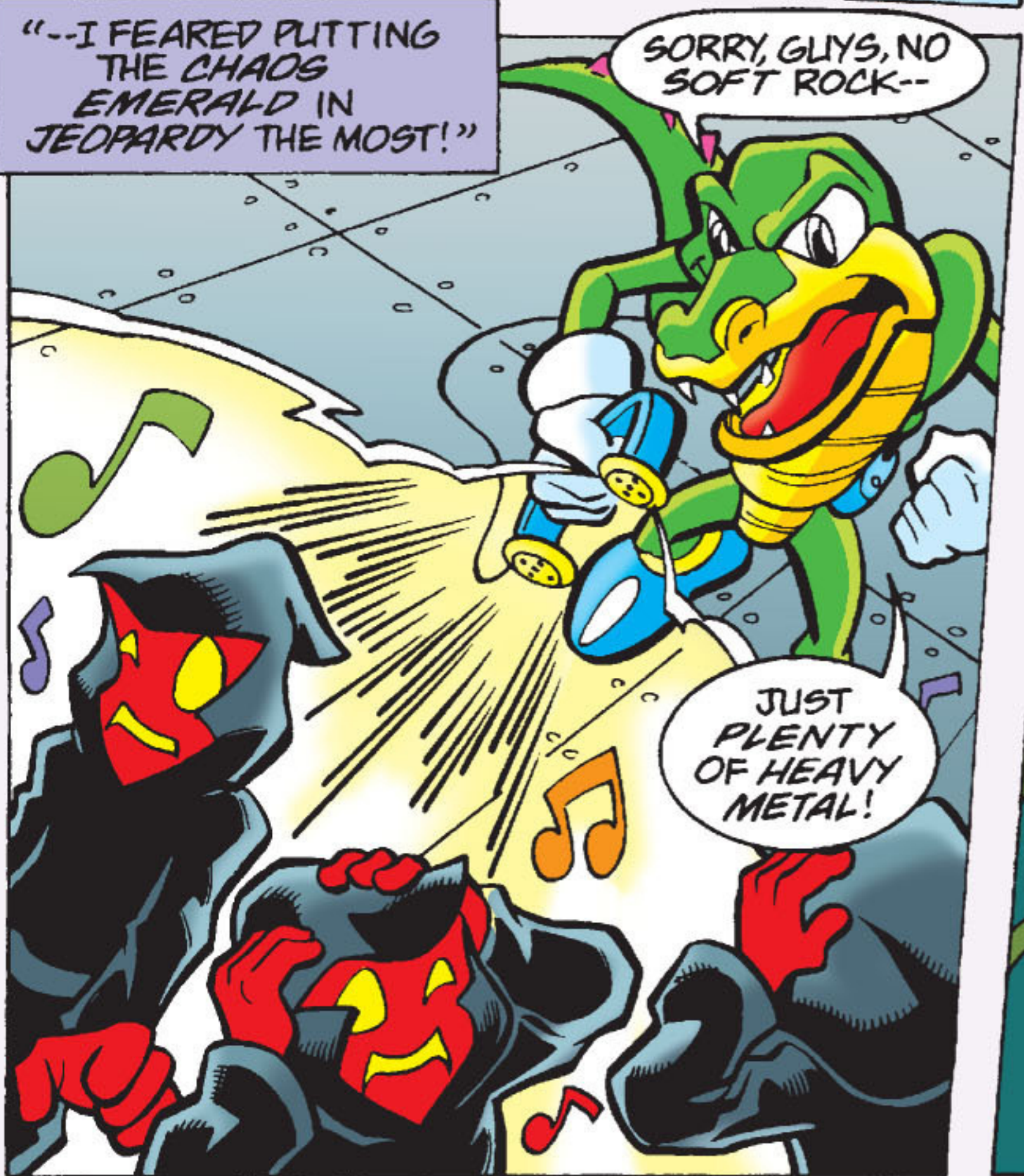
"--BECAUSE ALL THINGS CONSIDERED--"

BAMF!

OH, THERE YOU ARE!

ARCHIMEDES!

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I DIDN'T NEED YOU?!



"--I FEARED PUTTING THE CHAOS EMERALD IN JEOPARDY THE MOST!"

SORRY, GLYS, NO SOFT ROCK--

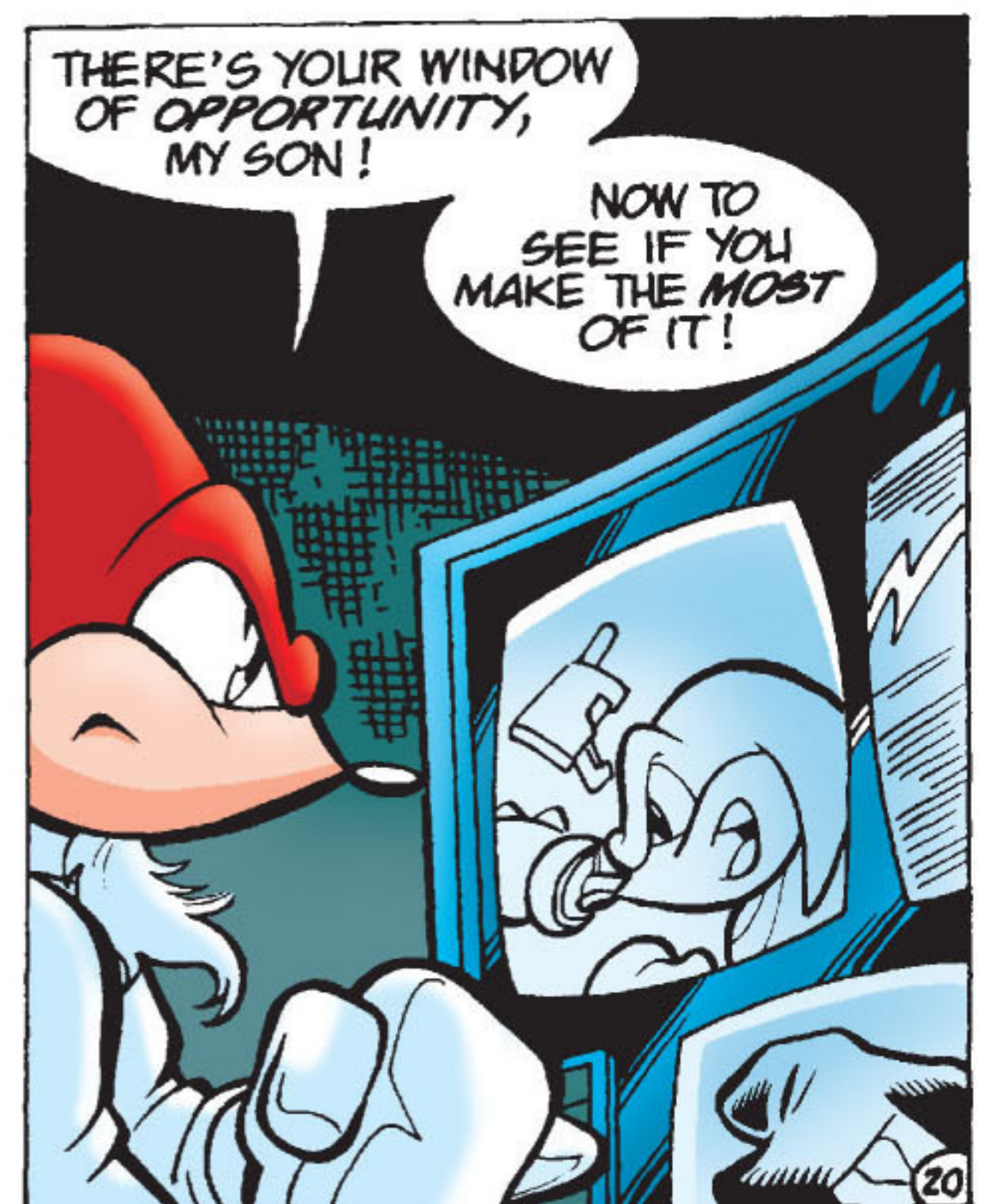
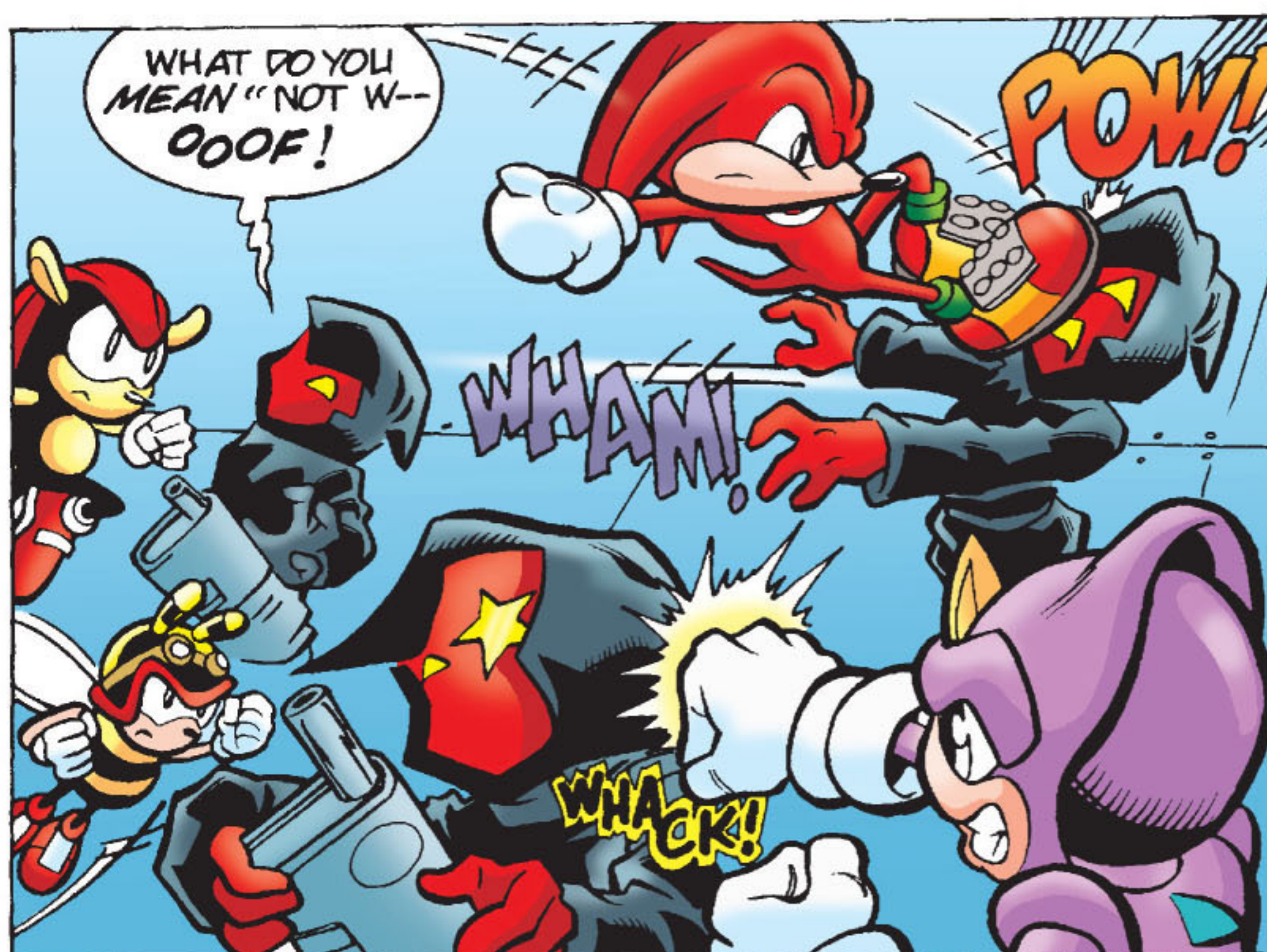
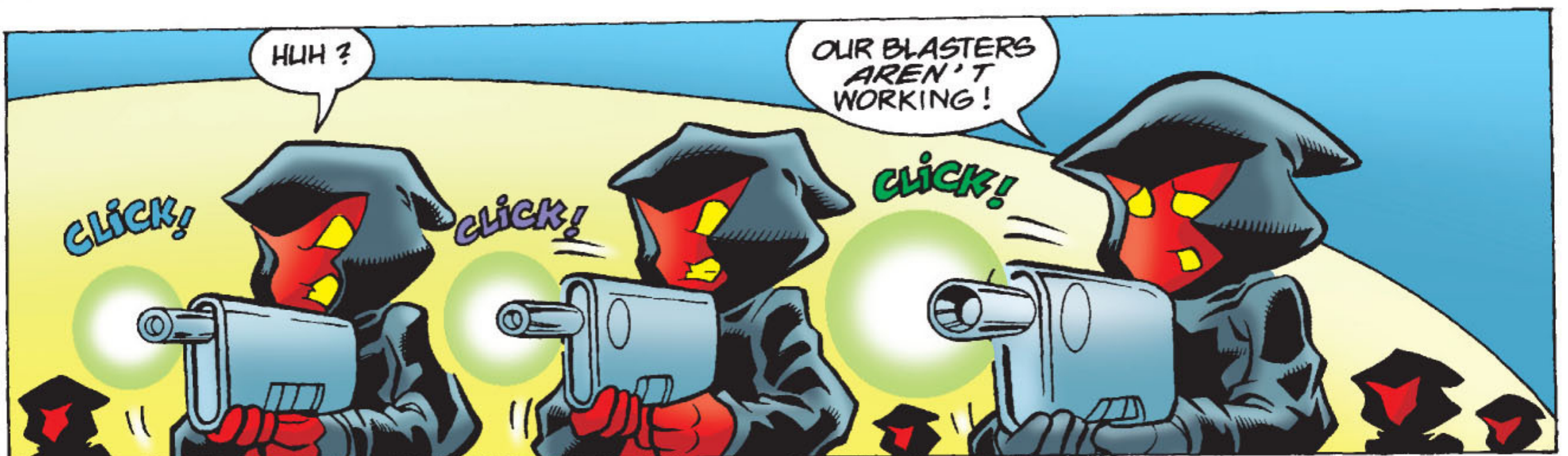
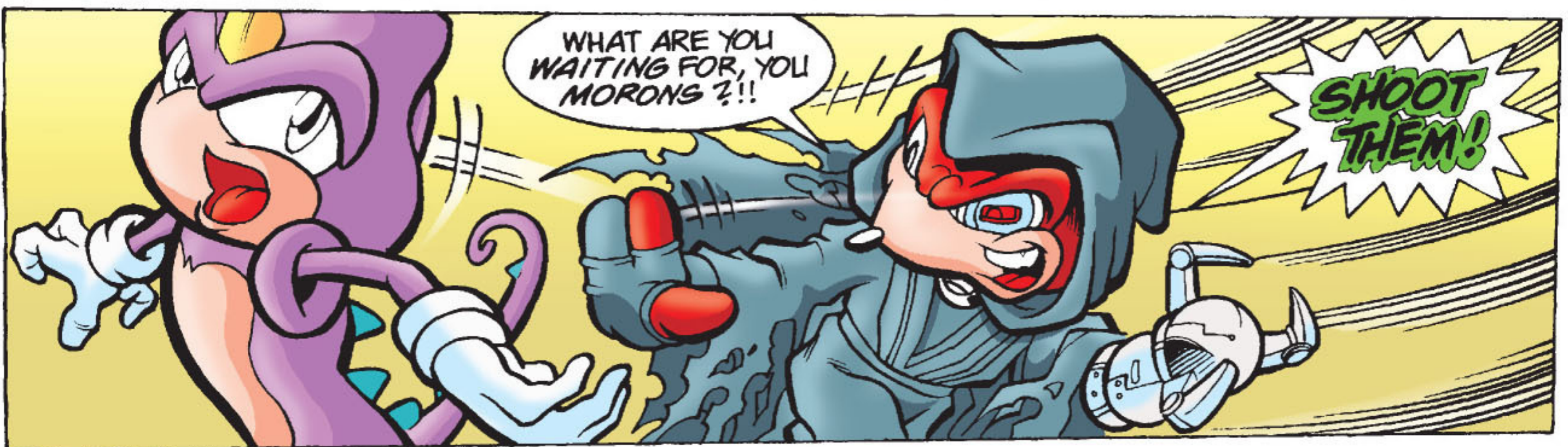
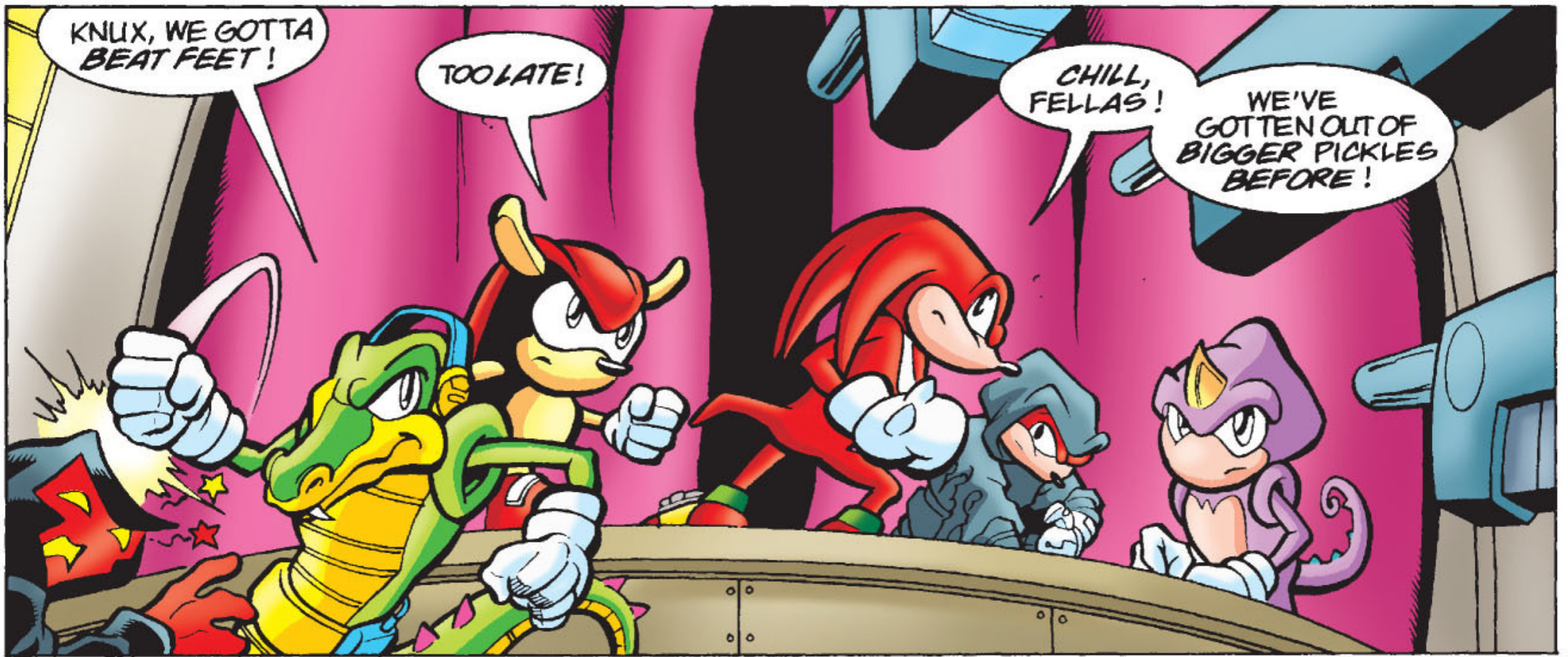
JUST PLENTY OF HEAVY METAL!

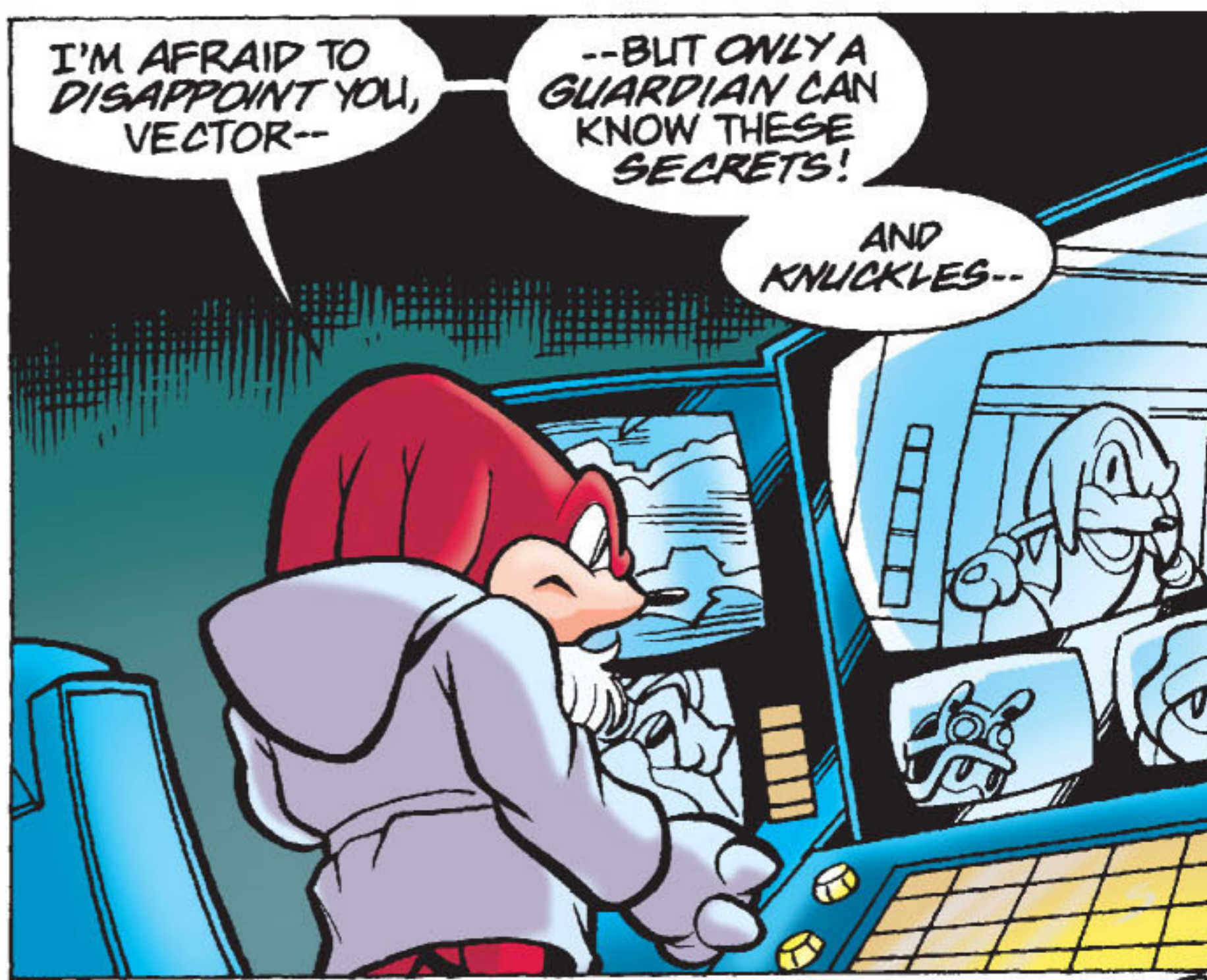
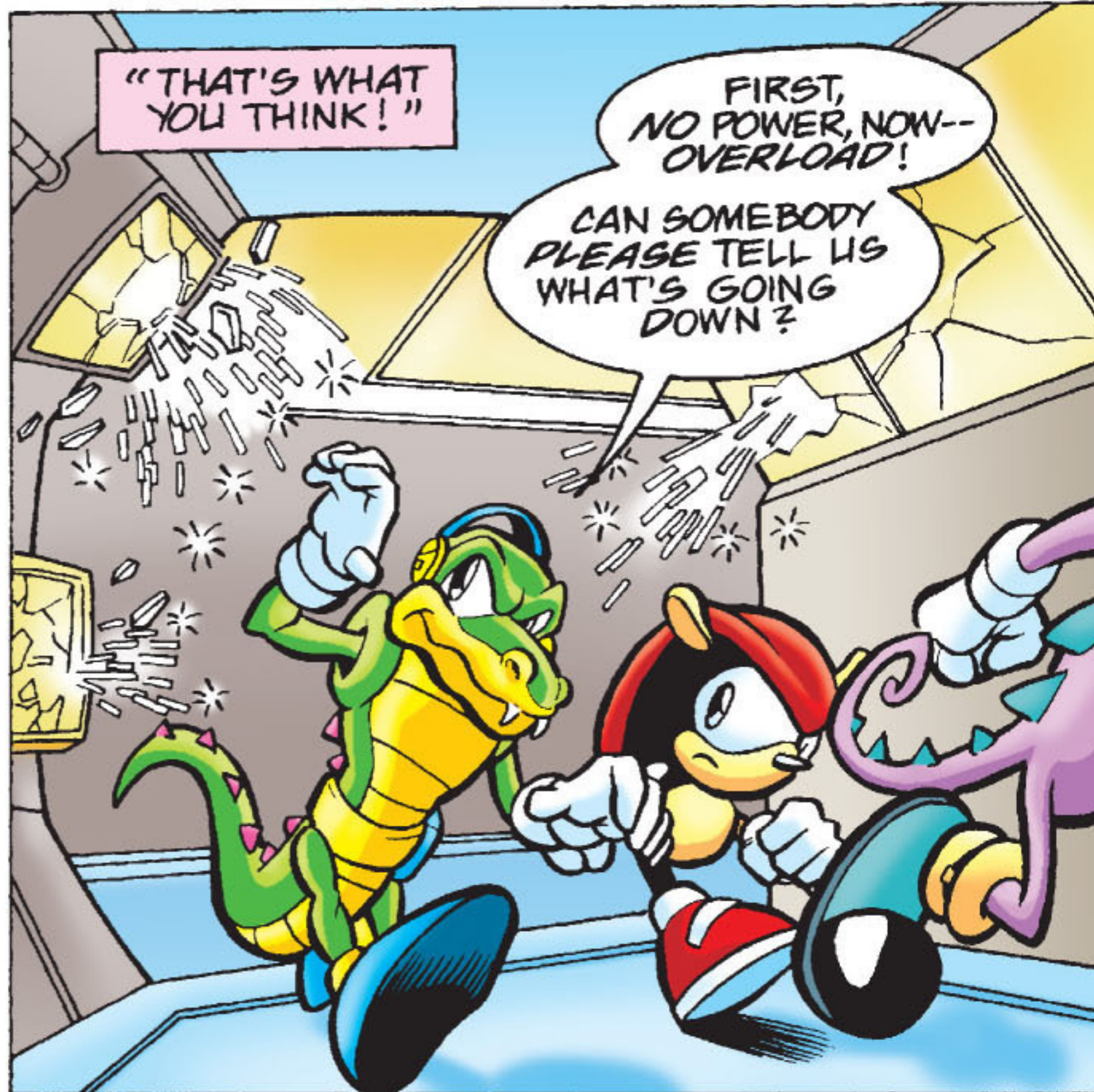


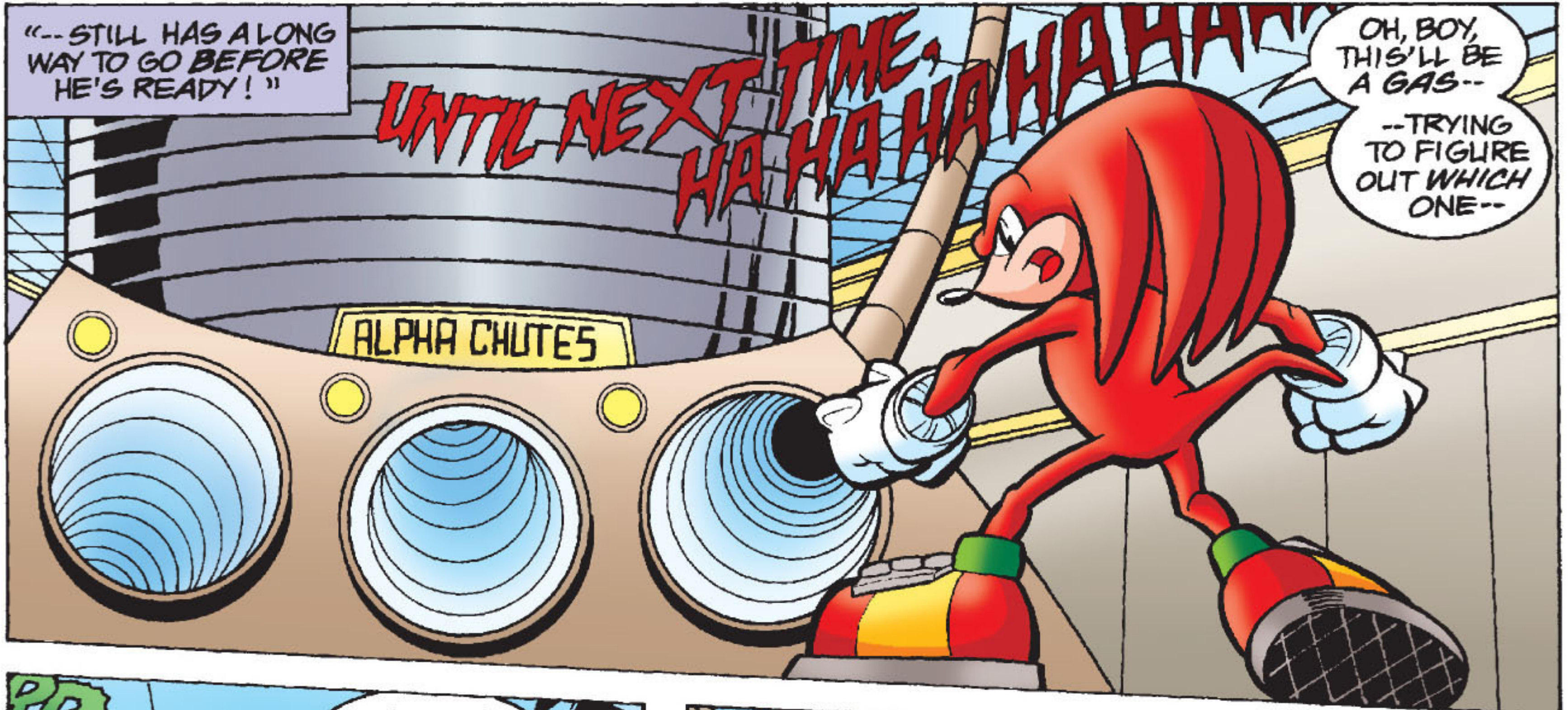
NOW, MORE SO BECAUSE OF MY SON--

--I AM REMINDED OF MY DUTIES--

--AND THE LINK A GUARDIAN HAS WITH THE EMERALD!







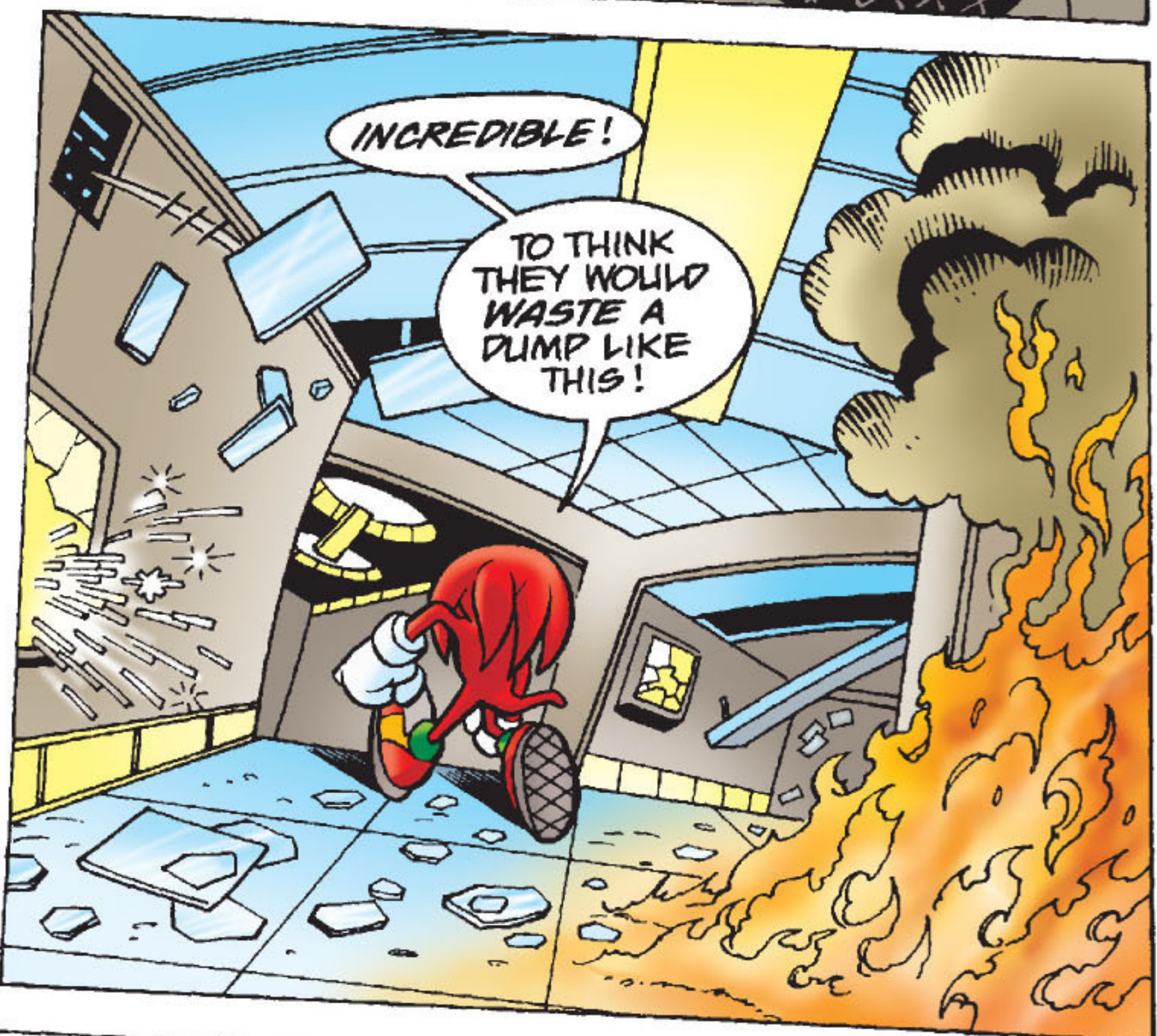
"-- STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE HE'S READY! "

UNTIL NEXT TIME!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

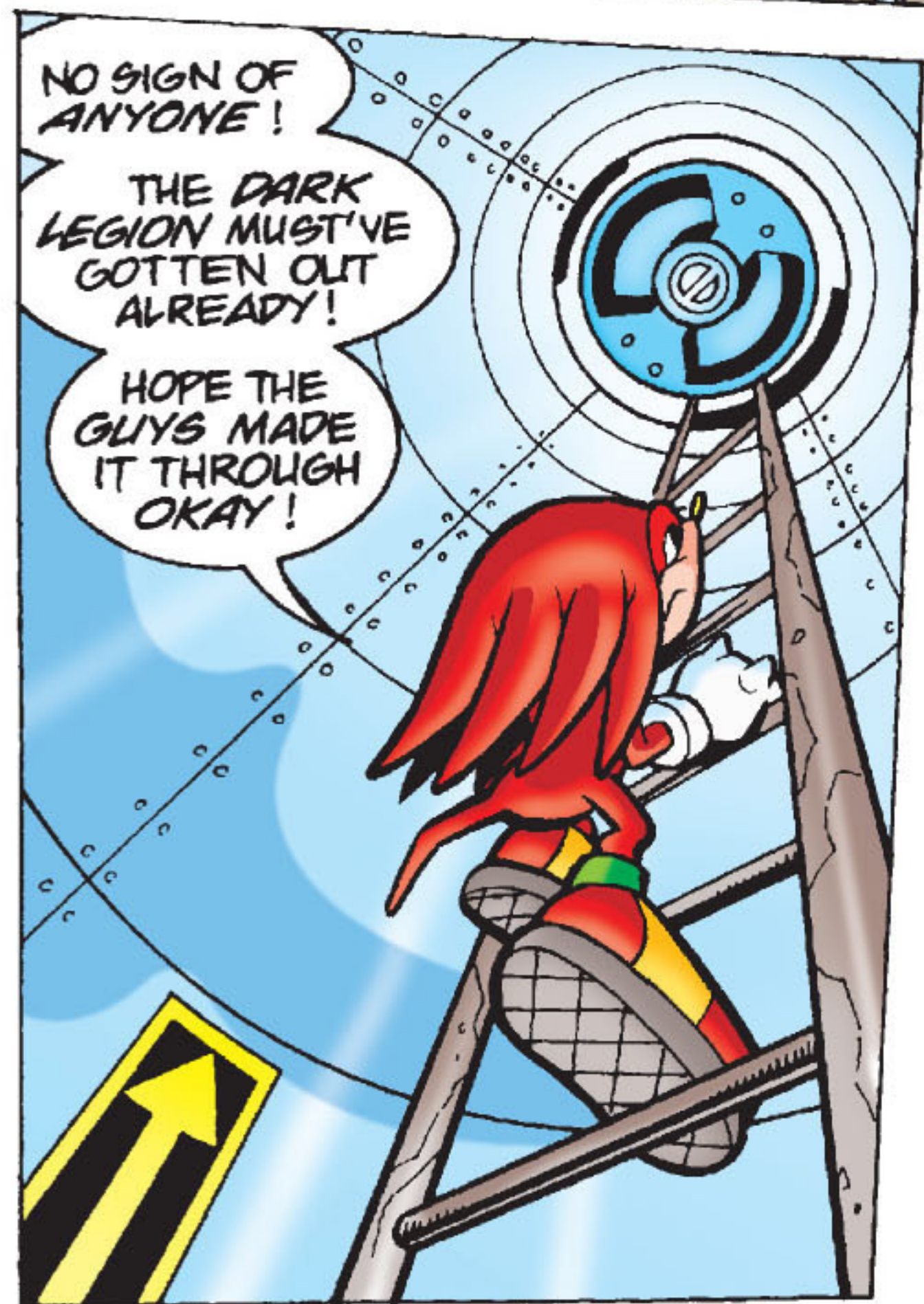
OH, BOY, THIS'LL BE A GAS--
-- TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE--



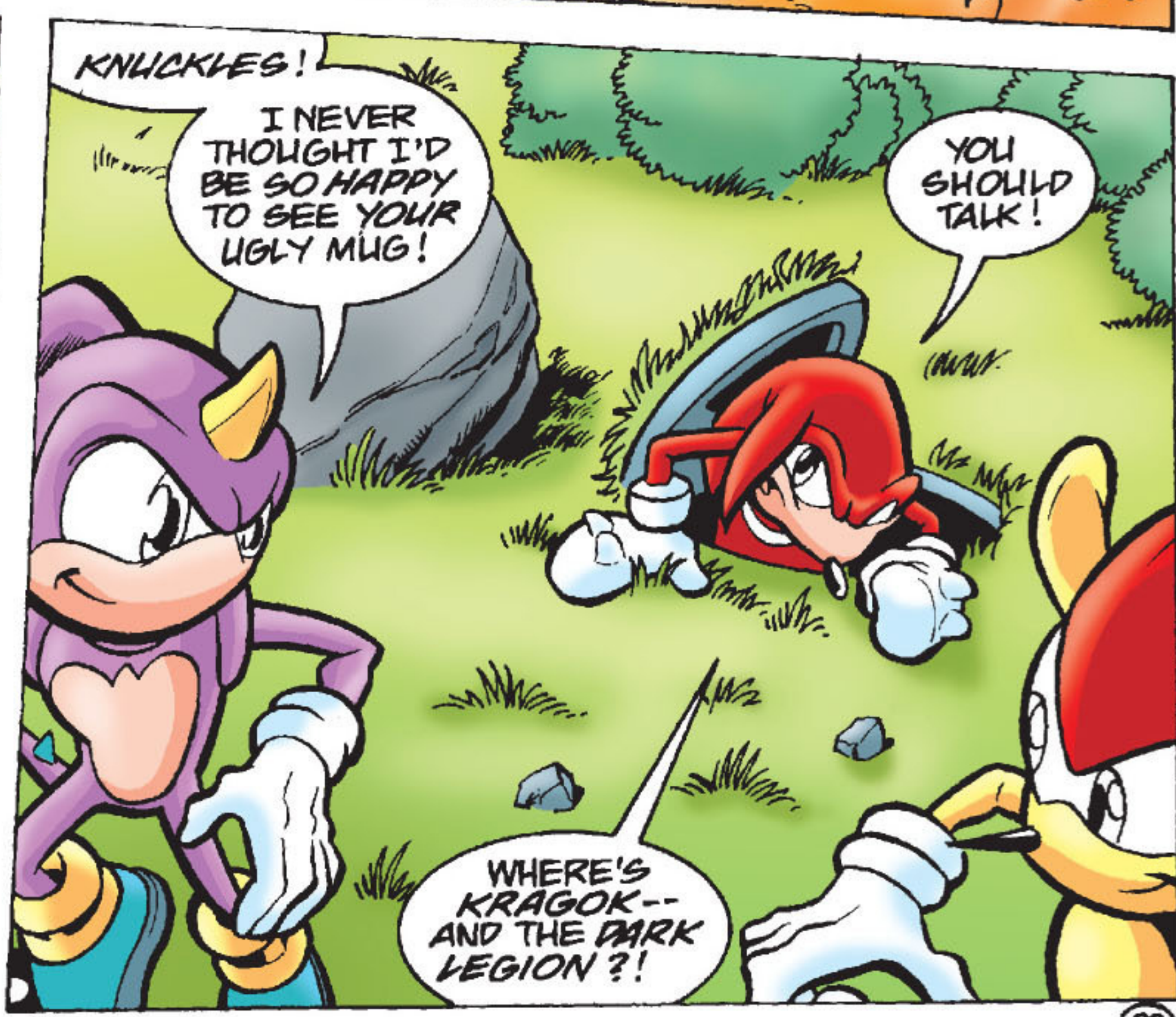
SO MUCH FOR THAT!
THIS PLACE AIN'T GOING TO PIECES BECAUSE THEY BUILT IT CHEESY!



INCREDIBLE!
TO THINK THEY WOULD WASTE A DUMP LIKE THIS!



NO SIGN OF ANYONE!
THE DARK LEGION MUST'VE GOTTEN OUT ALREADY!
HOPE THE GUYS MADE IT THROUGH OKAY!



KNUCKLES!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOUR UGLY MUG!
YOU SHOULD TALK!
WHERE'S KRAGOK-- AND THE DARK LEGION?!



NOT A TRACE OF 'EM ANYWHERE, KNUCKLES!

THEY MUST'VE HAD A PRE-ARRANGED ESCAPE ROUTE!

NUTS! WE WERE SO UNPREPARED FOR THEM THIS TIME!

NEXT TIME, HOWEVER--
NEXT TIME WILL BE A DIFFERENT STORY!

THE END-- FOR NOW!

LOOK FOR KNUCKLES TO RETURN IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE IN KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 2! COMING SOON!

Map of
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Citadel of Darkness

